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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1927 less 1,118 equal to 809.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

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Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1927 and 4,000 equal to 5,927.

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Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

at the

Thirteenth

Annual Convocation

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Held in the

City of CALGARY, Alberta

March 16th-17th, 1927

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Yours Fraternally,

Edwin G. Ironside,

Grand Z, 1926

Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-seven

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Thirteenth Annual Convocation Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on the 16th and 17th days of March, A.D. 1927, A.L. 2457.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside	Grand Z.	} Grand Council
R. E. Comp. William M. McNab	Grand H.	
R. E. Comp. Frederick S. Selwood	Grand J.	
R. E. Comp. George W. Potter	Grand Supt. District No. 1	
R. E. Comp. William H. Hiscocks	Grand Supt. District No. 3	
R. E. Comp. Hugh Stainsleigh	Grand Supt. District No. 4	
R. E. Comp. Chester A. Arthur	Grand Supt. District No. 5	
R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel	Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)	
R. E. Comp. William C. Black	Grand Treasurer	
R. E. Comp. George D. Wallace	Grand Registrar	
R. E. Comp. James R. Flan	Grand Lecturer	
V. E. Comp. William B. Way	Grand Master 4th Veil	
V. E. Comp. Charles Comba	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies	
Comp. Septimus H. Davies	Grand Janitor	

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor	1914
M. E. Comp. James N. Rankin	1915
M. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey	1919
M. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod	1920
M. E. Comp. John E. Johnson	1924
M. E. Comp. Samuel H. Middleton	1925

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

R. E. Comp. Fred B. Cooper	Arizona
R. E. Comp. Oliver J. Cowin	Arkansas
R. E. Comp. H. H. Fletcher	British Columbia
R. E. Comp. Mark B. Peacock	California
R. E. Comp. Thomas C. Rankine	Connecticut
R. E. Comp. George W. Elliott	Delaware
R. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison	Dist. of Columbia
M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor	Florida
R. E. Comp. Robert C. Rankin	Illinois
M. E. Comp. James N. Rankin	Iowa
M. E. Comp. John E. Johnson	Louisiana
R. E. Comp. Frederick S. Selwood	Maine
R. E. Comp. George D. Wallace	Manitoba
R. E. Comp. Walter E. Mercer	Maryland
M. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside	Massachusetts
R. E. Comp. James R. Flan	Michigan
R. E. Comp. Cyril A. MacPherson	Missouri
V. E. Comp. William A. Ackland	New Brunswick
R. E. Comp. Chester A. Arthur	New Hampshire
R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel	New South Wales
R. E. Comp. John F. Casteel	North Carolina
R. E. Comp. T. Fred English	North Dakota
R. E. Comp. William M. McNab	Ohio
R. E. Comp. James A. McGhee	Oregon
R. E. Comp. John H. W. Kemmis	Pennsylvania
R. E. Comp. George F. Butler	Quebec
M. E. Comp. Samuel H. Middleton	Scotland
R. E. Comp. Harold W. B. Bell	South Dakota
M. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod	Tennessee
R. E. Comp. George W. Potter	Texas
R. E. Comp. William C. Black	Utah
M. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey	Vermont
R. E. Comp. Hugh C. Stainsleigh	Washington

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 9.45 o'clock a.m., March 16th.

R. E. Comp. W. C. Black, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there were twenty-seven warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, and that twenty-six were represented with 139 votes, and the following ninety delegates:—

Alberta, No. 1, Calgary

M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, R. E. Comps. F. S. Selwood, F. B. Cooper, James Walker, T. F. English, H. H. Fletcher, M. B. Peacock and V. A. Bowes, E. Comps. F. Milne, V. W. Wright, F. J. Hand and S. L. McCracken.

North Star, No. 2, Edmonton

R. E. Comp. G. W. Elliott and E. Comp. J. B. Griffith.

Assiniboia, No. 3, Medicine Hat

E. Comp. T. A. Montgomery.

Shekinah, No. 4, Lethbridge

M. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, E. Comps. W. H. Smith and J. H. Smith.

Golden West, No. 5, High River

R. E. Comps. J. E. Casteel and P. J. Dewie, V. E. Comp. W. B. Way and E. Comp. W. J. Noble.

Mount Horeb, No. 6, Wetaskiwin

R. E. Comp. George D. Wallace.

Bekah, No. 7, Macleod

M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, R. E. Comp. C. A. Arthur, E. Comps. G. J. Goeson and W. C. Sherman.

Kether, No. 8, Pincher Creek

R. E. Comp. J. W. H. S. Kemmis.

Otuskwan, No. 9, Calgary

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, R. E. Comps. W. E. Mercer, J. R. Flan, T. Rankine, D. S. Bareham, J. Cleave, V. E. Comps. W. A. Ackland, G. Allen and C. Comba, E. Comps. A. Carr, J. V. Follett and J. C. C. Spence.

Bow Valley, No. 10, Gleichen

M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, alternate proxy.

Calgary, No. 11, Calgary

M. E. Comps. J. E. Johnson and E. G. Ironside, R. E. Comps. W. C. Black and C. R. Wentzel, E. Comps. T. Thompson, O. W. Harris and D. R. Montgomery.

Keystone, No. 12, Red Deer

E. Comp. P. Pidgeon.

Capital City, No. 13, Edmonton

R. E. Comp. W. M. McNab, E. Comps. R. M. Lambertson and F. J. Summerill.

Vermilion, No. 14, Vermilion

R. E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison.

Hillvue, No. 15, Hillcrest

R. E. Comp. G. E. Cruickshank and E. Comp. H. Henderson.

Tau Cross, No. 16, Claresholm

E. Comp. Peter Cook.

Mount Olivet, No. 7, Killam

Not represented.

Norwood, No. 18, Edmonton

R. E. Comp. G. W. Potter and E. Comp. J. H. Richardson.

Hiram, No. 19, Youngstown

R. E. Comp. O. J. Cowin and E. Comp. N. H. Golley.

Banff, No. 20, Banff

R. E. Comp. W. H. Hiscocks and V. E. Comp. A. N. Saddington.

Strathmore, No. 21, Strathmore

R. E. Comps. W. E. Mercer, G. F. Butler and H. W. B. Bell, V. E. Comp. J. Taylor, E. Comps. O. G. Craig, A. J. Watson, L. F. Pinkerton and H. Groves.

Joseph Stauffer, No. 22, Didsbury

R. E. Comp. J. A. McGhee, E. Comps. A. Brusso and J. McDougall.

Coronation, No. 23, Coronation

E. Comp. A. W. Evans.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary

M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, R. E. Comps. R. C. Rankin, and C. A. MacPherson, V. E. Comps. G. L. Chesney, H. C. Ritchie, and W. H. Andrews, E. Comps. F. W. Keyte, W. H. Day, and Geo. Rounce.

Strathcona, No. 25, Edmonton

E. Comps. H. Sandilands and F. Booth.

Harmony, No. 26, Bassano

R. E. Comp. H. Stainsleigh.

Eheyeh, No. 27, Drumbeller

V. E. Comp. J. Hughes, E. Comps. D. McAskill and W. S. Cameron.

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of Royal Arch Masons in good standing as visitors.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL CONVOCATION

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. C. Black, it was

RESOLVED, That, as the Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Convocation, held in Edmonton, on the 17th and 18th days of March, 1926, had been printed and copies placed in the hands of those entitled to receive them, the recorded minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson: Most Excellent Sir, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you and to the Companions of this Grand Chapter Right Illustrious Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, Grand Inspector General of Alberta District No. 6, of the Grand Council of Canada, Royal and Select Masters of the Cryptic Rite, an old order, the oldest of the Masonic Orders but one, which is being revived in Canada after being practically deceased for fifty years. R. Ill. Comp. Wentzel is the first official in the Province of Alberta.

Grand Z.: R. Ill. Comp. Wentzel, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you here today, not only because you represent the Most Illustrious Grand Master of that body, but also because you are our Grand Scribe E. I hope your stay amongst us will be very pleasant; I know it will be very busy, if you will proceed to the East and assume your duties.

M. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod: Most Excellent Sir, I have very much pleasure in introducing to you, and through you to the Grand Chapter of

Alberta, Most Eminent Sir Knight (Doctor) E. S. Estey, Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, as the Representative of the Supreme Grand Master, M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, who is unable to be with us today. I do not think there is any need to elaborate upon his excellencies and his many good qualities. I think his record stands for itself. He is better known as "Doc."

Grand Z.: M. Em. Sir Kt. Estey, as Immediate Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, we welcome you to our Grand Chapter Convocation. We are sorry indeed that the present occupant of the Supreme Grand Mastership is unable to be present. We know that you will ably fill his place as Representative. Will you kindly be seated with us in the East.

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor: Most Excellent Sir, I have very great pleasure indeed in presenting to you Right Excellent Companion J. C. Moore, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, and Grand Representative from the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan on a fraternal visit to this your Grand Chapter in Annual Convocation.

Grand Z.: R. E. Comp. Moore, it gives me the greatest pleasure to welcome you to our Grand Chapter. I well remember just four weeks ago having the pleasure of being introduced by your good self into the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, and I assure you I enjoyed my visit there very much. I will long remember it as one of the best of my year. I hope you will have just as good a time with us as I had in your city. This is the first time, I think, that we have had a Grand Representative present, and I assure you we esteem it a high honour. R. E. Sir, will you kindly take a seat in the East.

M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey: Most Excellent Sir, in introducing Most Worshipful Brother T. Fred English to this Grand Chapter, it is a great pleasure to introduce him as the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and not only as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, but as one of the active members in the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta in the year 1914.

Grand Z.: M. W. Bro. English, it is the greatest pleasure to welcome you to our Grand Chapter today. You, Sir, are to me one of the Past Masters of my own Lodge, and I have always held the highest regard for you. I am pleased indeed to see you occupying the high position which you hold, and I am also pleased to express to you the very friendly relations which exist between the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge. I ask you to approach the East and be seated.

Companions, the Grand Honours. (Honours given.)

CIVIC WELCOME

Grand Z.: R. E. Comp. Selwood, will you retire and introduce Companion Fred E. Osborne, Mayor of Calgary.

R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood: Most Excellent Sir, it affords me very great pleasure to introduce to you, and through you to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta and their visitors this morning, Comp. Fred E. Osborne, His Worship the Mayor of the City of Calgary.

Grand Z.: Comp. Osborne, it gives me great pleasure indeed to welcome you as the Mayor of Calgary, and also as a Companion of my own Chapter to this our Annual Convocation on this bright sunny Alberta morning.

His Worship the Mayor Comp. Osborne: Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I assure you it gives me a great deal of pleasure this morning to officially represent the City of Calgary, and to welcome those who are from out of town to this Convocation. This is not the first time that I have had

the honour of doing this very same thing. Seven years ago I happened to be Acting Mayor at the time you held your Convocation here, and it fell to my honour to also welcome you.

I find that the easiest way to get on common ground in a situation like this is to speak about the weather. You know the weather is like a mutual friend; strangers can meet and talk about the weather the same as they can about a mutual friend. Now there are two reasons why we have such weather as we are having at the present time. The first is, we had such wonderful weather for two weeks, that the streets were left very dirty and muddy and disagreeable looking after the hard winter, and we did not like the looks of that, having visitors coming to Calgary, so we covered them with snow. The second is that we wanted the Companions from Edmonton to feel perfectly at home. (Laughter.) At the same time, I want to assure you that the weather is no criterion whatever of your hearty welcome to the City of Calgary, rather it is in the inverse ratio to that.

Capitular Masonry has made great strides in Alberta in the last ten or twelve years under the most excellent officials who have guided its destinies, and as you look down the line and see the list of officers who are coming up and in line for promotion I think you will agree with me that the chances are that it will be well taken care of in the future as well. This world needs, it seems to me, more than ever, what Masonry can give it, and it behooves each one of us to make very sure that we are not the weak strand in the cable, because the cable can only be so strong as the individual strands in it.

I just want to say at this stage that the City of Calgary is very glad indeed to be able to welcome the visitors from the outside, and visitors from the other parts of the Province, the Fraternal Delegates from other Provinces more particularly. We are very glad to welcome you to the City of Calgary and to put you in charge of the local Companions, because we feel you will be well taken care of.

I want to express the hope that your hours of work will be profitable and interesting, that your hours of recreation will be entertaining, to say the least, and that you will go away with a very pleasant feeling towards the City of Calgary and towards the Companions here, and I hope that your getting together from different parts of the West will mean for better citizenship all around.

Again I want to say that the City of Calgary welcomes you most heartily and I hope you are going to have a most enjoyable time, and I do thank you for the opportunity of expressing these few words to you on behalf of the City of Calgary. (Applause.)

Grand Z.: Comp. Osborne, we thank you very much for your hearty welcome, and on behalf of the local Companions I assure you we will try to make the Companions from outside the City of Calgary glad that they came here at this time. Thank you.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE CALGARY CHAPTERS

E. Comp. Geo. Rounce (Crescent Chapter No. 24): Most Excellent Sir, I have been requested by the First Principals of the four Calgary Chapters to express in a few words our welcome to the Visiting Companions. They have assembled in Convocation to work. We trust this work with us will be a pleasure, and that this work, which will be interspersed with Fraternal Fellowship, will be a lasting benefit to them as well as to us, and as they plan for the future we hope the planning will be profitable for Royal Arch Masonry.

His Worship the Mayor said the weather answered certain purposes at the present time. While it may not be very favourable so far as the underfoot conditions are concerned, yet we trust that the visiting Companions will find that our welcome is nevertheless sincere, and we trust they will open

themselves up freely, so that they can put their whole soul into the work which is before us, and then we can rest assured that what they do, if done in the right spirit, will bear good fruit, and they will be called to look back in the days to come and feel that they had a hand in working out our problems. We welcome them most heartily. (Applause.)

Grand Z.: Companions, in reference to the welcome given you by E. Comp. Rounce, it was decided at a committee meeting the other day to "Let George do it." Now George has done it, and I think he has done it ably. I thank you for your welcome on behalf of the Chapters.

REPLIES BY DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

R. E. Comp. Moore: Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I wish to thank you for the very kind and hearty reception you have given me today, not only as an official of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, but also as the Representative of this Grand Chapter in Saskatchewan to this Convocation of your Grand Chapter. We were very pleased indeed to receive the recent visit of yourself; the members have remarked time and time again that they enjoyed the pleasure of meeting this Companion, and they hope that it will not be the last time that Fraternal visits will take place between these Grand Chapters. On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, I wish to convey to you Greetings, Most Excellent Sir, on this auspicious occasion. I thank you. (Applause.)

M. W. Bro. English: Most Excellent Sir, I assure you I greatly appreciate your reference to myself and the kind words which were expressed. I know I did take an active part in the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, but of late years I have felt very guilty of the way I have neglected the Royal Arch. Again I assure you I appreciate your kind words.

R. Ill. Comp. Wentzel: Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I appreciate your reception of me as the Inspector General of the Cryptic Rite in Alberta. As you are aware, only Royal Arch Masons are eligible to receive these degrees, which furnish the key to a right understanding of the degrees of the Lodge and Chapter. At the present time, the Cryptic Rite in this Province may be likened to the acorn. I trust that in the not-too-far-distant future we may become like the sturdy oak among the other Masonic bodies.

Grand First Principal's Address

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

My Esteemed Companions:

The Hand of Time moves on, and we are assembled, once more, as a Grand Chapter to review our activities in the Capitular World, and to legislate for the future. Another year has gone to join its fellows of the past—a year of anticipations, of resolves, plans, labors, pleasures, rewards, failures and disappointments.

It is a real pleasure to extend my heartiest greetings to you all, to mingle with you in the wonderful communion of good fellowship, and to feel the inspiration that comes with the clasp of each others hand in the bond of Companionship—to welcome you to this, my home city—Calgary, the City of the Foothills—and to this beautiful Lodge room, hallowed to me, because herein I first saw the Light of Masonry, and in which I have spent countless numbers of pleasing and memorable evenings.

Some of you are here for the first time, and others are old faithful attendants. I hope you all will find something of benefit and interest. To the old members the new ones will look for guidance and instruction, as well as inspiration.

I desire to express to you the fullness of a grateful heart for the high honor you conferred on me one year ago. I accepted the same with sincere appreciation, and a like sense of responsibility, and I could promise only an honest endeavor to do my duty as your Grand First Principal. I will now submit to you an account of my stewardship. To the best of my ability the duties have been met and discharged, and my greatest desire has been to serve you acceptably. The record is made, and now we look back over the trail. It is yours to condemn that which is poor, and to approve that which you feel is deserving.

A kind Providence has been good to us, in granting us a bountiful harvest, although the weather to garner it was bad. May the blessing and guidance of the Grand Architect of the Universe continue to be with us, and may He ever lead us in our efforts for the good of Capitular Masonry. May our deliberations be characterized by serious, constructive thought, devoid of selfishness, bigotry, and intolerance—peace and harmony prevailing.

My first official duty was a very pleasant and worthy one—the presentation of a Past Grand First Principal's Jewel to M.E. Comp. Middleton, who, by his good and faithful services, richly deserved the emblem and the honor. His interest in the Royal Craft has not declined, for he has been one of my greatest aids and supporters. We are glad to see him with us again, after a serious illness.

GRAND LECTURER

It was evident to me that the appointment of a Grand Lecturer was one of my greatest and most important problems, and the acceptance of this office by R.E. Comp. Flan has left nothing to be de-

sired. He has been most faithful, has attended many convocations and his thorough knowledge of the "Work" and the Ceremonial, and his genial manner in explaining and rectifying errors or omissions in the conferring of degrees has been of great benefit to all Chapters, and to the companions generally. I am greatly indebted to him for his aid and assistance.

NECROLOGY

To most of us, the past year has brought joys sweet to remember and contemplate; while to others, sadness of heart and sorrow has been its only recompense. Our Heavenly Father, in his loving kindness and wisdom, has not called on any of our Grand Chapter Officers to pass the "White Veil." To the Grand Jurisdictions who have suffered grievous losses our sympathy is extended, and to those of our own Chapters whose beloved members have been tenderly laid away, we extend our sincere and heart-felt condolences.

"We saw not the lift of the curtain
Nor heard the invisible door,
As they passed where life's problems uncertain
Will follow and vex them no more.
We lingered and mourned on the threshold,
The threshold each mortal must cross,
Then we laid a new wreath down upon it
To mark a new sorrow and loss."

On April 1st, 1926, we were called upon to mourn the very sudden death of V. E. Comp. W. F. W. Lent, a Past Principal of Otuskwan Chapter No. 9 and one of the ardent workers in the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

In the death of M.E. Comp. Col. Peter Spence, of Airdrie, Scotland, we lost one of our most beloved friends of a Foreign Jurisdiction. He had taken a great interest in our welfare since his visit to us in 1924.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead will submit a detailed report during this session.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

The chain of fraternal concord existing between this and other Grand Jurisdictions remains unbroken and in all our intercourse and correspondence nothing but good wishes and harmonious relations have been in evidence.

One year ago hardly a ripple appeared upon the tranquil sea of Masonic relations between the Grand Chapters, as the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Scotland and the General Grand Chapter of the United States had settled their differences and the Grand Chapters of England and Quebec had resumed friendly relations. However, this year has not been so peaceful as we find that New Zealand has withdrawn her Grand Representatives from Scotland, and Scotland's trouble with Queensland remains unsettled. It is hard to say who is at fault, but the Fraternal Correspondent of the Grand Chapter of Florida has this to say: "It would seem that the time has come when the Mother Grand Bodies, be they England, Scotland or Ireland, could with perfect safety to all Masonic laws, customs and regulations, not only permit their members, if they so desire, to establish and maintain

their own households without intervention, but also encourage them to do so. Canada has done this with signal success, and we believe the Australian Craftsmen are equally well qualified."

We recognize the Grand Chapters of New South Wales, New Zealand, Victoria and West Australia. These recognize the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland. Who is right?—they or Scotland?

VISITATIONS

I have visited officially, at least once, twenty-three of the twenty-seven Chapters. Everywhere I was heartily received, and it is quite evident that all Chapters are very loyal to the Grand Chapter, a condition, we hope will always exist. I sincerely hope that my successors will have the same willing support and eager co-operation that I have had. Many Chapters are strong and healthy and conferring degrees correctly and impressively; a few are doing fair work, but there are several who necessarily must, and do, receive assistance from outside their own ranks.

Briefly some of my visits were as follows:

March 14th, 1927.—At Harmony Chapter, Bassano, in company with R. E. Comp. Flan, and Ex. Comp. Follett. There being no degrees to be conferred, a very interesting lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, on "The Ark of the Covenant" was delivered by Ex. Comp. Follett.

April 14—At my own Chapter, Calgary, No. 11.

May 20—At Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat, when the Degree was conferred by Past First Principals of the Chapter in a perfect manner.

June 22—At Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River, when about thirty Calgary companions accompanied me to witness a good Mark Master Degree.

Aug. 23 to 28—During this week, accompanied by M.E. Comp. Middleton and R.E. Comps MacNab, Selwood, Wentzel, Arthur and Kemmis, the following were visited: Bekah Chapter at Macleod, Tau Cross Chapter at Claresholm, Shekinah Chapter at Lethbridge, Hillvue Chapter at Hillcrest, Kether Chapter at Pincher Creek, and Chief Mountain Lodge at Cardston. Grand Supt. C. A. Arthur will mention these in his report.

Oct. 6—At Strathcona Chapter, Edmonton, at which the M.E.M. Degree was ably conferred, with a large number of companions present.

Oct. 7—At Norwood Chapter, Edmonton, when the M.M.M. Degree was conferred, the attendance being only fair.

Oct. 8—At Capital City Chapter, Edmonton, where we had a good convocation, but the attendance was disappointing.

Oct. 14—At Strathmore Chapter, to which I was attended by several Calgary companions, and although the attendance of the Strathmore Companions was small, we had a profitable evening.

Nov. 22—At Alberta Chapter, Calgary, the largest in Alberta, where the M.E.M. and R.A.M. Degrees were conferred in a first class manner.

Nov. 23—At Keystone Chapter, Red Deer, at which the M.M.M. and M.E.M. Degrees were conferred, most of the officers' chairs being filled by Past First Principals.

Dec. 8.—At Calgary Chapter, No. 11, when the Officers for 1927 were elected, and the R.A.M. Degree ably conferred.

Jan. 7.—At. Eheyeh Chapter, Drumheller, where I had the pleasure of installing the officers.

Jan. 12—A Joint Installation of Officers of Calgary and Otuskwan Chapters, where, assisted by R.E. Comps. J. R. Flan, Wentzel, Black and V.E. Comp. Comba, I installed the officers at a meeting, largely attended.

Jan. 27—At Crescent Chapter, Calgary, where I again had the pleasure of installing the officers.

Feb. 3—At Otuskwan Chapter, Calgary, it being a regular convocation.

Feb. 19—At Banff Chapter, where the M.M.M. Degree was fairly well conferred.

Feb. 23—At Joseph Stauffer Chapter, Didsbury. As this was a regular convocation, we had a good discussion on the Degree work.

March 2—At Bow Valley Chapter, Gleichen, at which two auto loads of Companions from Bassano were present. This old established Chapter has been greatly revived by some of the Past Officers.

March 8—At North Star Chapter, Edmonton, at which the Past First Principals, ably conferred the R.A.M. Degree, before a large number of the Edmonton companions. This was one of the best meetings of the year.

I had arranged to install the officers of Coronation Chapter on February 28, but owing to illness I was unable to attend, so R.E. Comp. Flan very kindly arranged to go in my stead.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION

I attended all the District Convocations as follows:

- At Hillvue Chapter, Hillcrest, Nov. 1, for District No. 5.
- At Norwood Chapter, Edmonton, Nov. 5, for District No. 1.
- At Mount Horeb Chapter, Wetaskiwin, Nov. 4, for District No. 2.
- At Crescent Chapter, Calgary, Dec. 9, for District No. 3.
- At Otuskwan Chapter, Calgary, Feb. 18, for District No. 4.

The Grand District Superintendents will report fully on these, but I wish to say that these District Meetings continue to be of inestimable value, and give wonderful opportunities for the study, exemplification and discussion of Capitular Masonic matters. I believe the future Grand Officers cannot do a better work than to make these annual district meetings real out-standing affairs.

VISIT TO GRAND CHAPTER OF SASKATCHEWAN

During the year invitations were received from a number of Grand Chapters to attend their convocations, among these were:

- The Grand Chapter of Canada, February 23 and 24.
- The Grand Chapter of Manitoba, February 3.
- The Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, February 16.
- The Grand Chapter of Quebec, March 23.

I gladly accepted the invitation to attend the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan at Regina, and was royally welcomed, in company with R.E. Comp. Simmons, Grand Second Principal of Manitoba. I was

introduced by our Grand Representative, R.E. Comp. J. C. Moore, who is their Grand Treasurer.

Although the distance between our meeting places is great, yet I am sure it is well worth the effort for our Grand Chapter Officers to exchange visits with our Sister Jurisdictions. I surely advise my successors to plan to attend at least one of these convocations.

The Grand Chapter members were entertained at luncheon by Wascana Chapter, when we were favored with an eloquent address by Grand Master Smith of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

I was highly honored by being made an Honorary Life Member of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA

Alabama.—R.E. Comp. D. C. McDougall, Pincher Creek.
 Arizona.—R.E. Comp. F. B. Cooper, Calgary.
 Indiana.—R.E. Comp. Archie West, Edmonton.
 Minnesota.—R.E. Comp. A. G. Finch, Medicine Hat.
 Mississippi.—R.E. Comp. C. H. Russell, Wetaskiwin.
 Missouri.—R.E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson, Calgary.
 New Hampshire.—R.E. Comp. Chester A. Arthur, Brocket.
 Oklahoma.—V.E. Comp. J. B. McKerrow, Lethbridge.
 Texas.—R.E. Comp. Geo. W. Potter, Edmonton.
 Washington.—R.E. Comp. Hugh Stainsleigh, Hussar.
 Wyoming.—V.E. Comp. W. G. Evans, Didsbury.
 District of Columbia.—R.E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison, Vermilion.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

Idaho.—E. Comp. Kenneth E. McBride, Salmon, Idaho.
 New York.—E. Comp. Romine Williams, Ossing, New York.
 Oregon.—E. Comp. Glenn C. Fabrick, Medford, Oregon.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED, 1926-1927

June 28th, 1926.—To Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown, to install Ex. Comp. N. H. Golley, in the office of First Principal, he not having served twelve months in the office of Second Principal.

December 6th, 1926.—To Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton, to install Ex. Comps. J. H. Richardson and J. A. Spalding in the offices of First and Second Principal, respectively, they not having served twelve months in the Second and Third Principals' office.

December 11th, 1926.—To Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, Claresholm, to elect officers at a regular meeting on December 14th, they having failed to have a meeting on regular date, November 9th.

December 13th, 1926.—To Banff Chapter, No. 20, Banff, to elect officers at an emergent meeting on December 14th, instead of December 23rd.

December 21st, 1926.—To Harmony Chapter No. 26, Bassano, to install officers out of date, January 5th.

December 27th, 1926.—To Tau Cross Chapter No. 16, Claresholm, to install Ex. Comp. Peter Cook as First Principal, he not having served twelve months in the office of Second Principal.

December 29th, 1926.—To Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod, to elect officers at a regular meeting on January 4th, there not being a quorum present on the regular date in December.

January 5th, 1927.—To Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, Gleichen, to hold a joint installation with Harmony Chapter, No. 26, at Bassano, on January 5th.

January 8th, 1927.—To Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, Strathmore, to elect officers at a regular meeting on January 13th, there not being a quorum present on the regular date in December.

January 12th, 1927.—To Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, Calgary, to install officers at a joint installation with Calgary Chapter No. 11, on January 12th.

January 21st, 1927.—To Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, Strathmore, to install officers at an emergent meeting on January 26th.

February 14th, 1927.—To Coronation Chapter, No. 23, Coronation, to install officers at an emergent meeting on February 28th.

February 15th, 1927.—To Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek, to install officers at a regular meeting on February 17th.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

November 16th, 1926.—To Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller, to elect officers from the floor of the chapter. Not in order to grant dispensation for this purpose.

December 11th, 1926.—To Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary, to hold a convocation on December 16th, instead of December 23rd, for election of officers, regular business and balloting. Not sufficient reason.

March 7th, 1927.—As Keystone Chapter, No. 12, at Red Deer, and Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, at Vermilion, had installed into offices Ex. Principals, who had not previously filled the next lower preceding office, I held that these installations were not valid. After dispensations had been applied for to re-install these, I authorized the same to be granted.

APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer.

Kether Chapter No. 8, Pincher Creek.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer.

RULINGS

That a Mark Master Mason receiving that degree in a Mark Master Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Craft Lodge, is not entitled to sit in a Mark Master Lodge in Alberta, the Mark Master degree in this jurisdiction being under the government of the Royal Arch Chapter.

PROPOSED CHAPTERS

Requests have been received for dispensations to institute new Chapters at Edson and Hanna. Having seen how some of our country Chapters, owing to financial and other conditions, have been handicapped, my policy has been to move slowly, and view these proposed Chapters from every angle, before granting them a dispensation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That all Chapters following the moon schedule for their meetings be again requested to amend their By-Laws, in order to make their monthly convocations a fixed date.
2. That the Scribes E make it a point to enquire, when a companion pays his dues, if he has a receipt from his Craft Lodge.

GENERALITIES

The District Superintendents have, generally, endeavored to perform their duties, visiting and assisting the Chapters, and arranging and conducting the Chapters of Instruction. However, one Superintendent, I believe, has not visited any Chapter except his own, although he arranged the district meeting. I feel that I cannot recommend that he be given the rank of a Past District Superintendent.

I recommend that the following be given the rank of Past District Superintendent: R.E. Comps. George W. Potter, William H. Hiscocks, Hugh Stainsleigh and Chester A. Arthur.

I sincerely wish to thank all the Grand Chapter officers, as well as the companions who so nobly supported me during the year. Besides M.E. Comp. Middleton and R.E. Comp. Flan, I must mention the names of R.E. Comps. MacNab, Selwood, Wentzel, Black, Cleave, and if space allowed, one hundred or more others. R.E. Comp. Wentzel as Grand Scribe E, has ever been ready to aid. He is very thorough in his work and spends unlimited time in attending to all and every detail. His willing services and helpful counsel have earned my deepest gratitude.

I am greatly in favor of the inter-visitation of Chapters, as a means of stimulating interest, as well as attendance.

I must repeat, once more, the great need of more secrecy in connection with what business is transacted in our Chapters. Often, we find that a few days after a Chapter meeting, an absent companion, (and even others), know as much about what has transpired in the Chapter as those present. This should not be. Also, we often see printed in our newspapers, lists of officers elected and installed, which, too, is entirely wrong.

In all Jurisdictions, "fun and frolic" in conferring degrees is giving way to the making of the degrees solemn and dignified.

This year our total membership will show a decrease, but this is nothing to be alarmed about, as we are learning that we are known, not by our **numbers**, but by the **character of our members**.

I find that the Principals and Scribes show a great weakness in not knowing the constitution. **READ IT.**

CONCLUSION

Soon, when my successor has been appointed, I will pass on to him the sceptre of authority. You will find that, although while with me it has not been advanced very far, it has not been stained by thoughtlessness or wilfulness. In the days to come, that yet may be allotted to me, and as the sun will be setting over the vast maze of those stern, yet inspiring, mountains of the golden west, to arise for me again but a few times on this old earth, I can see myself wending, again and again, into the garden of memories and gathering there those choice recollections, mellowed with the beauty of the passing years, of my year of service as your Grand First Principal.

Fraternally submitted,

Edwin G. Ironside,

Grand Z.

On motion of M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, That the address of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal be referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address.

Report of Grand Second Principal

Edmonton, Alberta, March 10th 1927.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

In making my report covering the past year, and following the suggestion made by your committee at the last Annual Convocation held in the City of Edmonton, I have endeavoured to be as brief as possible.

I accompanied the Grand First Principal on his official visits to the following Chapters:

August 23rd, Bekah, No. 7, at Macleod.
August 24th, Tau Cross, No. 16, at Claresholm.
August 25th, Shekinah, No. 4, at Lethbridge.
August 26th, Hillvue, No. 15, at Hillcrest.
August 27th, Kether, No. 8, at Pincher Creek.
December 8th, Calgary, No. 11, at Calgary.
March 8th, North Star, No. 2, at Edmonton.

and Chapters of Instruction:

November 4th, District No. 2, at Mount Horeb, No. 6, Wetaskiwin.
December 5th, District No. 1, at Norwood No. 18, Edmonton.
December 9th, District No. 3, at Crescent No. 24, Calgary.

At each Convocation we were heartily received by the Companions. The meetings without exception were a great success. But one very regrettable feature of the Chapters of Instruction was the altogether too small attendance of members, and an effort should be made in the coming year to have as many present as possible.

I made over thirty visits to the Chapters in my own City—Edmonton, where I was well received. The work was splendidly done, but here, again, the attendance could have been improved upon to great advantage. Each Chapter is making a special effort to conform to the wishes of Grand Chapter in the uniformity of work.

In the month of August I attended a meeting at Cardston, which was arranged by M. E. Comp. Middleton with the Craft Lodge, with a view to awakening more interest in the work in that district. This meeting was remarkably successful, R. E. Comps. F. S. Selwood and J. W. H. Kemmis, Past Grand Masters, M. E. Comps. E. G. Ironside and N. T. Macleod, R. E. Comps. C. R. Wentzel and C. A. Arthur being present. Very instructive and interesting addresses were given by M. E. Comps. Middleton, Ironside and Macleod, R. E. Comp. Selwood and others.

I wish to especially thank M. E. Comp. Middleton for the many favours he bestowed upon the Companions of Grand Chapter during the August trip, also R. E. Comp. Arthur. And in conclusion I wish to express my thanks to the Companions of the Chapters which I had the pleasure of visiting during this year for the good fellowship which has been extended to me by them.

Yours fraternally,



Grand Second Principal.

Report of Grand Third Principal

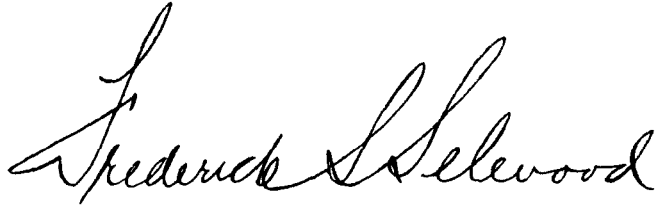
Calgary, Alberta, March, 16th, 1927

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

I shall not attempt in my report to go into any of the details of my activities as Grand Third Principal. These have been mentioned in the reports of the Grand First Principal and the Grand Second Principal and will appear in the printed Proceedings. However, I wish to take this opportunity of expressing to the Grand First Principal my appreciation of the many courtesies extended to me during the year and of his several invitations to accompany him on his visits, most of which I was able to accept but some of which I was unable to avail myself. The visits to the different Chapters and District meetings which I was privileged to attend were very interesting. They were very successful, I think, in the sense that not only were they well attended but the interest displayed by the Companions in the work was quite encouraging to the Grand Chapter Officers. I did not give particular attention to the Ritualistic work of the various Chapters in the Districts, but I was privileged to devote a little time to the study of some phases of Capitular Masonry and to address several meetings in different parts of the Province during the past year in an effort to arouse a more extended interest in the organization, history and growth of our Royal Craft. My impression is that, while we are and have been for years more or less keenly interested in the actual workings of our Chapters and in the conferring of the degrees and have taken a rather keen interest in the particular features of the ritual as worked by us here, we have not, down to date, taken as much interest as is desirable in acquiring a knowledge of the organization and the development of this particular branch of the Masonic Fraternity. I have endeavoured through such opportunities as were afforded me during the past year to arouse and stimulate that interest, with the view that perhaps an increasing number of our Companions as the years pass will devote their time and their talents more and more to research along that line. I think that is what is needed in our Royal Craft here in Alberta today—a better informed knowledge as to what our Institution is and what it should mean to us and of its organization and its development. I think the time has come when that must be done if we are going to make further progress and growth in connection with our Royal Craft. We have, I think, achieved success in the way of getting uniformity in our work. All that we have sought to accomplish in the way of the ordinary workings of our Chapters and of our Grand Chapter has been done smoothly and well, thanks to the continued good work of the officials appointed from time to time to supervise this work (and, in passing, I might say that much credit is due to R. E. Comp. Flan), but what I think is most needed now is a more thorough knowledge of what our Craft stands for and the message which it should bring to us, if we are going to get any intelligent idea of the reason why we are devoting so much time and effort in the interests of the Royal Craft. I hope that research will go on and the Companions throughout the Province (and there are many of them who are talented and can do this work well) will feel the force of the example which is being set before us by the Grand Lodge of Alberta under the able leadership of the Grand Master who sits to my left and of the Grand Secretary who is on my right, who have been asking the brethren in that Grand Lodge to stress

the educational side of its work. I feel it is time that the Grand Chapter of Alberta should follow the lead which we are getting in that direction. I thank you.

Yours fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frederick Selewood". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

Grand Third Principal.

On motion of R. E. Comp. Thos. Rankine, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. C. Black, it was

RESOLVED, That the Reports of the Grand Second and Third Principals be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address.

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

The Grand Scribe E. was then directed by the M.E. the Grand First Principal to call the roll of Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters, and, after they had been assembled at the Altar by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, M. E. Comp. Ironside addressed them as follows:

Excellent Companions, Representatives of our Grand Jurisdictions, far and near:

I extend to you my heartiest greetings to this our Thirteenth Annual Convocation.

One of the outstanding features of Masonry (and that includes Royal Arch Masonry) is its universality. You stand before us, to-day, representing States and Countries that form a chain around this old earth of ours. You are the medium through which we are enabled to communicate with our Companions of well-known as well as strange lands, and some peoples who, if we could converse with face to face, we would say were strange people; yet we all have the same aims and ideals, i.e., morality, brotherhood, loyalty to country, charity, etc.

This honored custom of receiving Grand Representatives is considered highly important by all Jurisdictions, and the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence express regret when they are obliged to report that their Representative was not present when the Roll was called at the Annual Convocation.

I am pleased to see so many of you present to-day, and immediately after this meeting—without fail—I would ask you to write to your respective Grand Chapters and convey to them the principal events of this session, and our sincere good wishes, with the earnest hope that we will long continue as we are at present, in full kindly and friendly fraternal relations with every recognized Grand Jurisdiction. Companions, I welcome you.

(Grand Honours given.)

Each of the Excellent Companions having conveyed the greeting from his Grand Chapter to the Grand Z., R. E. Comp. C. A. Arthur, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, on behalf of the others, replied to the address of the Grand First Principal as follows:

R. E. Comp. Arthur: Most Excellent Sir, we thank you for the cordial reception which we have received to-day at your hands. The Grand Chapters which we have the honour to represent, in many cases, have passed the century mark, and I noted the other day that the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire has passed its 107th year. We wish to assure you of our earnest wish that you may continue, as you have in the past, building faithfully for the future. We believe that our bond of union wheresoever it is found is a real union and we wish to assure you of our individual and undivided support in to-day forging another link in the chain that binds us together, and of our sincere hope that this Convocation will result in much benefit to the Royal Craft.

The M. E. the Grand Z. then requested the Grand Representatives to be seated.

TIME FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS

RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Potter, that the Election of Officers, and choice of place of meeting for the next Annual Convocation take place at 4:00 o'clock p.m. today.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Companions O'Dell and Sowden of Hanna, whose names appear on the application for a new Chapter at Hanna, being in attendance, the Grand Z. appointed M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor and R. E. Comps. F. S. Selwood and Plan a special committee to interview them relative to conditions under which a new Chapter would be started.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were then read:—

Telegram from M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod.

Edmonton, Alberta, March 15th, 1927.

E. G. Ironside, Grand First Principal
of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Please express to the Officers and Members of Grand Chapter my deep regret that, on account of illness, I will not be able to be with you this year. I trust this year's meeting will be the most successful yet held. Please ask Dr. Estey to represent me as Grand Master of the Templars.

Signed, GEO. B. McLEOD.

Letters expressing their regrets at not being able to attend this Grand Convocation from R. E. Comp. T. W. Bates, R. E. Comp. D. W. Cotton and V. E. Comp. H. C. Neal of this Grand Chapter; M. E. Comp. C. F. Sherwin, P.G.Z., of British Columbia; R. E. Comp. J. W. Prescott, G.S.E., Grand Chapter of British Columbia, on behalf of M. E. Comp. T. H. Carey and R. E. Comp. John K. Brydon, Ontario; R. E. Comp. F. B. Reilly, G.S.E., Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, advising that R. E. Comp. J. C. Moore would be in attendance.

Invitations from R. E. Comp. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E., Grand Chapter of Canada, and R. E. Comp. Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Montana, to the Grand First Principal to be present at their Annual Convocations. And from R. E. Comp. W. W. Williamson, G.S.E., Grand Chapter of Quebec, to attend their Fiftieth Anniversary, on March 23rd, 1927, in the City of Montreal.

Inter-office letters from, Grand Secretaries O. F. Graves, Iowa; Chas. A. Connover, Michigan; Geo. A. Beauchamp, Alabama; James A. Scott, Oklahoma; Francis B. Reilly, Saskatchewan; and G. M. Ford, West Virginia.

Acknowledgment of invitations to attend this Convocation from R. E. Comp. Henry T. Smith, and M. E. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, Grand Chapter of Canada.

Informal letters from R. E. Comp. D. W. Cotton, E. Comps. T. W. Bull, Robert Taylor and George Pattinson.

GREETINGS

Telegram from R. E. Comp. W. J. Edwards, Grand Chapter of Quebec.

Coaticook, Que., March 15th, 1927.

Clifford R. Wentzel

Fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful Convocation, from your Companions in Quebec.

Signed, W. J. EDWARDS.

Letters from Grand Representatives in Alberta of other Jurisdictions

R. E. Comp. Geo. S. Armstrong.	Nova Scotia
R. E. Comp. Percy Ffleding	West Australia

Letters from Grand Representatives of Alberta in other Jurisdictions:

J. W. Prescott	British Columbia
Chas. H. King	California
J. K. Brydon	Canada
J. W. Macklem	Delaware
R. M. H. Britton	Indiana
L. C. Hicks	Kansas
H. O. Perry	Maryland
C. W. Mixer	Michigan
T. E. Moody	Mississippi
W. B. Randall	New Hampshire
R. Williams	New York
F. H. Northup	Nova Scotia
I. Stafford	Ohio
E. P. Gallup	Oklahoma
W. J. Edwards	Quebec
A. E. Place	Rhode Island
J. C. Moore	Saskatchewan
W. A. Giles	South Carolina
L. G. Kineheloe	West Virginia
A. Frazier	Washington

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 12:30 o'clock noon.

FIRST DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

Grand Superintendents' Reports

DISTRICT No. 1

Edmonton, February 19th, 1927.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit for your approval my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 1.

During the year, I have visited each Chapter officially once. I have visited the Edmonton Chapters very frequently, have seen the degrees conferred in each, and am pleased to report that the work is uniform in this district. The officers have proved themselves efficient in their respective stations. Capitular Masonry generally is in a healthy condition, and the prospects for the coming year are very bright.

My first official duty was, on April 7th at Strathcona Chapter, to invest V. E. Comp. H. C. Neal as Grand Sr. Sojourner. On April 27th I attended North Star Chapter to invest V. E. Comp. G. E. Long as Grand Steward.

On August 10th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. H. Richardson, I visited Vermilion Chapter No. 14, where a very hearty welcome was extended by Ex. Comp. R. H. Norton, First Principal, the Officers and Companions of the Chapter. It was a day well spent with the happy and good fellows of Vermilion.

On October 6th, 7th and 8th I had the pleasure of accompanying the Grand First Principal on his official visits to Strathcona, Norwood and Capital City Chapters. On the visit to Norwood Chapter, I had the very pleasing duty of presenting, on behalf of the Companions of the Chapter, a Past Grand Superintendent's regalia to R. E. Comp. J. J. Green, for faithful services to the Chapter.

On November 5th a Chapter of Instruction for District No. 1 was held in the Norwood Masonic Hall. We had the pleasure of having with us that evening the Grand Council, viz., M. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside, R. E. Comps. W. M. McNab, F. S. Selwood and R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, Grand Lecturer, also M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey and other Past and Present Grand Officers.

The M. M. M. degree was exemplified by North Star Chapter, and the M. E. M. degree by Strathcona Chapter.

The criticism on the work made by R. E. Comp. Flan was brief. Answers to questions were given.

A banquet brought to a close one of the best Chapters of Instruction held in Edmonton.

I have examined the books of the Chapters and find them well kept; great credit is due to the Scribes E. of all the Chapters.

I found that the Historical Registers of two of the Chapters were up to date, and I have the promise from the other three that they will, as soon as possible, also write up theirs.

On December 9th I received a petition, dated November 28th signed by twenty-one Companions, asking for a Dispensation to form a Chapter in the town of Edson. This petition was presented to Capital City and North

Star Chapters, both by resolution recommending the petition. In due course I forwarded it to the Grand Scribe E. with the information I had gathered, but, on account of Clause 69 of the Constitution not having been complied with, it was returned to me. It was then presented to Strathcona and Norwood Chapters, and both by resolution recommended the petition. All detail in connection with this application is now in the hands of the Grand Scribe E.

I wish to thank all Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers for the assistance they have given me during the year.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my appreciation and thanks to the Officers and Companions of the several Chapters for their hearty co-operation and goodfellowship, and for the honour they conferred on me in electing me their Grand Superintendent.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE W. POTTER,

Grand Superintendent District No. 1.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 1926

Chapter	Number	Location	No of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.T.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets Cash or Securities	Assets Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No of Lodges to Draw From
North Star....	2	Edmonton.....	10	4	21	\$4.00	213	1	0	8	9	3	3	3	2	197	10	Nil	\$1,564.00	\$710.00	\$245.00	\$600.00	\$88.25	good	C
Capital City....	13	Edmonton.....	10	4	25	(\$5.00) \$3.00	238	0	2	5	0	1	3	3	3	237	38	Nil	1,500.00	865.58	190.00	700.00	19.80	good	C
Vermilion.....	14	Vermilion.....	12	17	17	\$5.00	80	1	0	3	10	1	5	6	7	73	26	100.00	293.25	500.00	242.50	300.00	—	good	4
Norwood.....	18	Edmonton.....	10	3	16	(\$5.00) \$3.00	100	0	1	1	3	1	3	3	3	99	10	Nil	57.54	600.00	270.00	600.00	—	good	C
Strathecona....	25	Edmonton South	10	8	23	\$5.00	53	0	0	0	2	1	8	8	8	58	16	Nil	100.00	900.00	118.00	1,000.00	36.00	good	C

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 2

Wetaskiwin, Alberta, March 12th, 1927.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

In submitting my report for the year 1926 I wish to say that from the information available I believe that conditions in respect of Capitular Masonry in District No. 2 are quite satisfactory. There would seem to be a revival of interest, and good candidates are offering themselves, which augurs well for the future.

There are four Chapters in District No. 2.

I regret to say that, owing to continuous pressure of business, I was unable to visit any of the Chapters during the year except my home Chapter of Mount Horeb. I have every reason to believe that the other Chapters are making substantial progress and there can be no doubt that there are increasing interest and activity in Mount Horeb No. 6.

On November 4th, 1926, a Chapter of Instruction was held in the Mount Horeb Chapter rooms at Wetaskiwin. The following Grand Officers were present:

M. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside, R. E. Comps. W. M. McNab, F. S. Selwood,
J. R. Flan and M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey.

The M.M., M.E.M. and H.R.A. degrees were all conferred and very interesting and helpful discussions took place after each degree. Special mention should be made of the assistance given by R. E. Comp. Flan, who seems to have a complete mastery of the work in all its details. Reference should also be made to the address on the history of Capitular Masonry by R. E. Comp. Selwood.

Refreshments were furnished by the Victory Chapter of the Eastern Star and an enjoyable banquet was provided at which speeches were delivered by the Grand Chapter Officers and visiting Companions present.

On the 27th of January, 1927, I visited Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6. At this Convocation the Officers were installed by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey in his usual impressive manner. Mount Horeb Chapter is deeply indebted to M. E. Comp. Downey for assistance on many occasions.

I deeply regret that owing to professional duties I was unable to accept kind invitations given to be present at meetings of Chapters in the District throughout the year.

I wish to thank the Companions of District No. 2 for electing me to the position of Grand Superintendent and for their kindness and co-operation during the year.

Fraternally yours,

C. H. RUSSELL,

Grand Superintendent District No. 2.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 1926

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Cash or Securities	Assets	Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Mount Horeb..	6	Wetaskiwin.....	10	-	14	\$3.00	83	1	0	4	2	0	3	3	3	78	9	Nil	\$	843.69	\$600.00	\$183.50	\$480.00	-----	fair	3	
Keystone.....	12	Red Deer.	9	-	14	\$3.00	149	0	0	4	5	0	3	3	1	146	70	181.64	1,619.17	368.39	262.75	800.00	25.00	25.00	good	8	
Mount Olivet..	17	Killam	No Report	84			84									84										12	
Coronation....	23	Coronation	10	-	15	\$6.00	51	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	6	58	33	60.00	403.00	750.00	426.00	450.00	14.25	14.25	good	3	

DISTRICT No. 3

Banff, Alberta, February 27th, 1927.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have much pleasure in submitting for your approval my report as
Grand Superintendent of District No. 3.

I have visited all Chapters in my district once officially, and find them
all in a very healthy condition, the work conducted in an efficient manner
and the books and accounts well kept.

On November 23rd, I visited Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River,
this occasion being Past Principals' night. I witnessed the Holy Royal
Arch degree conferred in a very creditable manner, with E. Comp. Bedington
in the chair and all Past Principals filling the other offices which shows the
interest taken by the older members of this Chapter. I was pleased to note
that the outstanding dues in this Chapter were greatly reduced. After the
Chapter was closed we adjourned to the Banquet Room, where a pleasant
time was spent.

On November 24th, I visited Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, accom-
panied by R. E. Comp. Flan, (Grand Lecturer; R. E. Comp. Cleave, and Ex.
Comp. Carr. As this was the Installation of Officers, the ceremony was
preceded with by R. E. Comp. Flan and his assisting officers. This Chapter
appears to be well officered and the prospects good for the coming year.
No degree work at this meeting.

On November 25th, I visited Crescent Chapter, No. 24, accompanied by
M. E. Comp. Ironside and R. E. Comp. Wentzel. As this was the occasion
of a fraternal visit of Golden West, No. 5, there was a large attendance and
the Mark Master Degree was exemplified in a most efficient manner by the
officers, with Ex. Comp. Verge in the chair.

On December 8th, I visited Calgary Chapter, No. 11. This was also
the official visit of the Grand First Principal accompanied by many Grand
Chapter Officers and a fraternal visit from the officers and members of Otusk-
wan Chapter. After the election of officers for 1927, the Holy Royal Arch De-
gree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Thompson and officers in a splendid manner.
This Chapter must be congratulated on the way the books are kept by their
most efficient Scribe E., Comp. T. W. Matthews.

On December 9th, a Chapter of Instruction for District No. 3 was held
at the Crescent Chapter rooms. The Chapter was opened at 7:30 p.m. by
Crescent Chapter and the Grand Superintendent was received and accorded
Grand Honors. I then had the honor of receiving M. E. Comp. Ironside
on his Official Visit, accompanied by a large number of Grand Chapter Officers.
The Chapter was then closed. The Mark Master Mason degree was then
exemplified by Crescent Chapter with Ex. Comp. Verge in the chair, and the
Most Excellent Master Degree by Calgary Chapter with Ex. Comp. Harris
in the chair. Both these degrees were exemplified in an excellent manner.
After each degree the work was reviewed by R. E. Comp. Flan, who gave
much useful instruction. Addresses were given by the Grand First, Second
and Third Principals. As Grand Superintendent, I appreciated the large
attendance of representatives of Chapters and Grand Chapter officers at
this Convocation.

On January 20th, I paid my official visit to my own Chapter, Banff, No.
20, and installed the officers for 1927, assisted by R. E. Comp. S. F. Patterson
and V. E. Comp. Saddington, after which the Holy Royal Arch degree was

conferred in an excellent manner by the new officers with Ex. Comp. Ward in the chair, to whom great credit is due. I attended all meetings of this Chapter with the exception of one, when visiting Crescent Chapter, No. 24.

On February 19th, I had much pleasure in accompanying the Grand First Principal on his official visit to Banff Chapter, when the Mark Master degree was conferred.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Officers and Companions of the Chapters of District No. 3 for courtesies shown me during my term of office, and for electing me as Grand Superintendent for the past year, also to the Grand Chapter officers and others for their kindnesses and assistance to me on many occasions.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. HISCOCKS,

Grand Superintendent District No. 3.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 1926.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Cash or Securities	Assets	Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Golden West..	5	High River	10	-	22	\$3.00	141	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	137	15	\$ 11.00	\$1,402.66	\$436.60	\$223.00	\$600.00	—	good	5	
Calgary.....	11	Calgary.....	10	-	32	\$4.00	104	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	2	2	105	25	106.50	386.10	552.47	97.00	600.00	—	good	C	
Banff.....	20	Banff.....	8	3	15	\$5.00	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	62	7	Nil	1,259.09	300.00	42.50	100.00	6.00	good	1		
Joseph Stauffer	22	Didsbury.....	7	-	14	\$5.00	71	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	69	9	Nil	286.92	500.00	430.00	500.00	25.00	fair	8	
Crescent.....	24	Calgary.....	10	1	—	\$4.00	118	1	0	3	0	0	1	3	3	3	112	35	Nil	88.64	750.00	188.00	750.00	—	good	C	

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 4

Calgary, Alberta, March 15th, 1927.

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I visited all of my Chapters, some of them twice, except Youngstown, and it was impossible for me to get there. I might say in my visits I went unannounced. I simply walked around to the Chapter at the regular convocation, feeling that that would be by far the better way, because I could then see what work was being done. It is needless to say that I visited my own Chapter on every occasion I possibly could. I visited the Calgary Chapters, and I have no criticism at all to offer, except perhaps I was a little disappointed at the small attendance, considering that the membership of the Calgary Chapters is pretty large. I think they might endeavor to get a little larger attendance than they do.

R. E. Comp. Selwood has taken the words out of my mouth by suggesting that every endeavor be made to instil a little more interest in Capitular Masonry. I think it is up to the Chapters to solve that problem, and they perhaps are far better able to do so than myself.

I visited Bow Valley Chapter at Gleichen twice. My first visit was just before the meeting for the election of officers. There was a rather small attendance and, by what the Companions told me, I felt it would help them somewhat if I attended the next meeting when the election of officers was to take place. On my suggestion, they elected a Past Principal to the First chair, and they also placed a few of the old officers in the subordinate chairs, and I am hopeful that Bow Valley is coming right back on its feet again and that the future is going to be far better. Of course, Bow Valley Chapter is in the unfortunate position of having very few town members, most of the members living in the outlying districts.

I visited Eheyeh Chapter at Drumheller recently, and hoped that there would be some of the Companions from Hiram Chapter at Youngstown present, but evidently they did not get the communication I sent to them.

I wanted to meet several of the Youngstown Companions, owing to a notification that I had received from the Companions of the town of Hanna, in regard to a petition for a Chapter there. After closely questioning several of the Drumheller Companions, I am led to understand that Youngstown and Drumheller are agreeable to the formation of another Chapter in Hanna, and I would suggest that I be allowed to take the matter up with my successor, and will be only too pleased to give him any help in my power. The petition from Hanna is signed by twenty-seven Companions. Of course this is going to deplete the ranks of Hiram Chapter, but as has been pointed out to me, Hanna is over forty miles from Youngstown, and I do not think that the granting of the Dispensation is going to affect Hiram Chapter seriously, for the reason that it is too far for those members to attend, while, on the other hand, they are very close to Hanna.

I wish to thank my good Companions who assisted me, more especially R. E. Comp. James Cleave and E. Comp. Carr, who helped me on my visit to Strathmore Chapter, and also took my place visiting Chapters while I was away.

I hope, Most Excellent Sir, you will not think my failure to attend Harmony Chapter while you were there was due to lack of interest. I could not possibly be there—it was a physical impossibility—and I know that you and this Grand Body are gracious enough to recognize that my failure to be there was due to no fault of my own. I thank you.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH STAINSLEIGH,

Grand Superintendent District No. 4.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 4 FOR THE YEAR 1926.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Cash or Securities	Assets	Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Alberta.....	1	Calgary.....	10	4	39	\$4.00	303	2	3	5	10	1	8	8	12	300	78	\$150.00	\$2,500.00	\$575.00	\$312.00	\$	\$ 48.00	good	(		
Otuskwan....	9	Calgary.....	8	5	36	\$5.00	148	1	1	5	6	1	7	7	7	147	—	10.44	1,243.29	684.60	76.00	900.00	68.50	good	C		
Bow Valley....	10	Gleichen.....	6	1	10	\$4.00	51	0	1	2	0	1	3	3	3	52	20	18.00	504.91	300.00	489.15	275.00	—	—	good	1	
The Hiram....	19	Youngstown....	9	1	12	\$6.00	99	0	0	4	17	0	6	6	7	84	16	Nil	2,160.71	500.00	588.50	300.00	—	—	fair	5	
Strathmore....	21	Strathmore....	6	1	10	\$6.00	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	20	Nil	50.00	800.00	371.00	500.00	—	—	fair	3	
Harmony.....	26	Bassano.....	10	3	23	\$6.00	56	2	0	5	1	1	11	11	8	62	—	108.00	633.18	579.81	36.50	800.00	—	—	good	3	
Ebeye.....	27	Drumbeller....	9	5	25	\$5.00	56	2	0	0	0	0	8	6	10	66	7	60.50	119.61	789.89	126.00	700.00	100.00	good	5		

“C”—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 5

Brocket, Alberta, March 2nd, 1927.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.,

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

In presenting my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in District No. 5, I would say that the Chapters in the district were visited once officially and that unofficial visits were paid when possible at different times during the year.

Commencing a tour on August 23rd at Macleod, Bekah Chapter was visited. At this meeting the M. E. Grand Z. was present, accompanied by the Grand H., Grand Scribe E. and M. E. Comp. Middleton. There was no degree work, but addresses were given by the Grand Officers, which were enjoyed by the Companions present.

At Claresholm, on the 24th, the same Grand Officers were present when Tau Cross Chapter was visited. The M. M. M. degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. This Chapter has made excellent progress during the year, and the prospects for the future look good. I would like at this time to express my appreciation of the efforts of Ex. Comp. Mack and his officers, who have carried on in the face of difficulties and brought this Chapter safely through a trying period.

On the 25th, the same Grand Officers were present at Shekinah Chapter, Lethbridge, when the M. E. M. degree was conferred. The work was criticized by the Grand Z. and Grand H.

On the 26th, Hillvue Chapter was visited, where we had the pleasure of the presence of the full Grand Council, R. E. Comp. Selwood joining the party here accompanied by R. E. Comp. Kemmis. The R. A. degree was conferred in a very excellent manner by the officers of the Chapter.

On Friday, the 27th, the same party of Grand Officers visited Kether Chapter at Pincher Creek. The time was taken up in listening to addresses of the Grand Officers and in discussion of the various phases of the work. I had the pleasure of investing V. E. Comp. Cumberland as Grand Steward, and the Grand Z. presented R. E. Comp. Kemmis with a Past Grand Superintendent's jewel on behalf of the Companions of this Chapter.

On October the 21st, I visited Assiniboia Chapter at Medicine Hat. There was no work at this meeting, but the officers, under the able guidance of Ex. Comp. Reid, have kept this Chapter up to the high standard of former years.

On November 1st, at Hillvue Chapter rooms, a Chapter of Instruction was held. All the Chapters in the district were represented excepting Assiniboia and Tau Cross. The Chapter was opened in the R. A. degree and in the M. E. M. degree by the officers of Hillvue Chapter. The Lodge of M. E. Masters having been closed, the R. A. degree was then conferred by Kether Chapter. R. E. Comp. Flan was present and, judging from the favorable comment he made, the officers had their work up well and were not deviating from prescribed rules and usages. I regret that owing to pressure of business the Grand Z. could not arrive in time for the meeting, but he was present at the banquet, when he and M. E. Comp. Middleton addressed the Companions present in a very able and acceptable manner.

I wish here to thank the committee of the Companions of Hillvue Chapter who made the arrangements for the entertainment of the Companions attending this district meeting for the very able manner in which they fulfilled their duties. Especially are they deserving of praise for the quality of the banquet

as well as the other entertainment at a total cost of \$52.50, which made the cost of the district meeting \$8.75 to each Chapter.

The books in all the Chapters are well kept and the Scribes E. are doing their best to keep down the amount of outstanding dues; but in spite of this, some of the Chapters have increased their outstanding accounts. The matter of solving the problem of collecting the dues of some of the members has been given careful thought and it has been noticed that where the interest in the work is maintained the matter of collecting dues solves itself; but that where the interest in the work of the Chapter lags the amount of outstanding dues mounts higher. In other words, efficiency and collected dues go hand in hand, while inefficiency and outstanding accounts are always found together.

The matter of making every Convocation of each Chapter as interesting as possible would seem to have its own direct reward in the lessening of the difficulties experienced by the Scribes E. in collecting the dues. There does not seem to be any basis of fact in the contention that some members are unable financially to meet this obligation, as the dues only amount to the price of one medium grade cigar per week. All the Chapters in this district are studying this problem from this angle and I have hopes that their efforts will be rewarded.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Officers and Companions of this district for the many courtesies shown me during my year of office, and to express my gratitude for the very able assistance I have at all times received from the Grand Chapter Officers.

Yours fraternally,

C. A. ARTHUR,

Grand Superintendent District No. 5.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. M. McNab, it was

RESOLVED, That the Reports of the Grand Superintendents be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 5 FOR THE YEAR 1926.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets Cash or Securities	Assets Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Assiniboia	3	Medicine Hat.	10	26	\$3.00	176	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	4	4	179	41	Nil	\$2,800.00	\$405.00	\$226.00	\$800.00	\$	good	6
Shekinah	4	Lethbridge	10	7	\$5.00	170	2	2	0	9	0	0	9	8	5	165	27	Nil	1,301.78	692.36	143.00	600.00	34.55	good	11
Bekah	7	Macleod	6	1	\$5.00	43	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	42	15	Nil	73.15	300.00	240.00	300.00	---	fair	1
Kether	8	Pincher Creek...	12	18	\$5.00	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	21	Nil	534.67	450.00	212.50	300.00	25.00	good	2
Hillvue	15	Hillcrest.....	12	22	\$4.00	51	0	1	3	2	0	0	4	4	4	51	17	Nil	750.00	1,000.00	96.00	1,000.00	---	---	3
Tau Cross	16	Clareholm ...	6	2	\$4.20	38	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	4	3	41	6	Nil	80.09	400.00	70.93	370.00	---	good	4

Grand Scribe E's Report

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

In presenting this, my second, report to Grand Chapter, I regret that during the past year we did not make the numerical progress in Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction as in the previous year, although the decrease was but slight—about one per cent of the membership as at December 31st, 1925.

The amount of outstanding dues shows a slight improvement over last year.

As is our usual custom, Christmas Greetings were conveyed to Foreign Grand Chapters and Grand Representatives, Officers of Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapters.

We received Christmas and New Year Greetings from a number of Foreign Grand Chapters and from a few Subordinate Chapters.

Amendments to By-laws, Commissions issued and received, Dispersations issued and refused, have all been dealt with in the Grand First Principal's address.

Grand Chapter, having adopted my suggestion of recording the membership by card system, I purchased the necessary equipment at a cost of \$91.95, keeping within my estimate. The transfer is not yet complete, as this entails a great amount of work. I have finished about one-third of the names.

An approximate saving of \$75.00 was effected in the printing and distribution of the proceedings of our last convocation to those entitled to receive them.

I must once more emphasize the need of each First Principal and Scribe E. making prompt returns to Grand Chapter not later than February 28th, the date set by Constitution, as these delays entail an unnecessary amount of work at the last moment, in order to get the reports ready for the Annual Convocation. One Chapter this year has failed to make any report to date, and another has neglected to pay its dues, which, according to Clause 21 of the Constitution, deprives them of representation in Grand Chapter.

I would like to bring to the attention of the Grand Representatives of Foreign Grand Chapters that they acknowledge promptly the receipt of the proceedings of the body they represent, as unfortunately this is a courtesy too often overlooked.

Statement of Membership

Number of Regular Chapters.....	27
Number of Members December 31st, 1925.	2,840

Additions

Admissions to December 31st, 1926	111
Affiliations to December 31st, 1926.....	15
Restorations to December 31st, 1926.....	11
Add errors Chapters 9, 12, 14.....	6
	---143

Deductions

Resignations to December 31st, 1926	67	
Suspensions for N.P.D.	79	
Suspensions for U.M.C.	1	
Deaths	16	
Deduct errors Chapters 6, 24.	9	
	<u>172</u>	
Net loss for year 1926		29
Number on Roll, December 31st, 1926.		<u>2,811</u>

Financial Statement**ASSETS**

Cash in Bank, Feb. 28th, 1927, General Fund	\$ 534.44	
Cash in Bank, Feb. 28th, 1927, Capital Benevolent Fund	837.10	
	<u>\$1,371.54</u>	
Province of Alberta, Savings Certificates, General Fund.	1,300.00	
Province of Alberta, Savings Certificates, Cap. Ben. Fund . .	1,100.00	
Due from Chapters	206.50	
Inventory	2,370.35	
	<u>\$6,348.39</u>	

LIABILITIES

Credit to Chapters	23.90	
Surplus of Assets over Liabilities	<u>\$6,324.49</u>	

CASH STATEMENT

Received from Chapters	\$2,871.42	
Interest on Savings Certificates	64.31	
	<u>\$2,935.73</u>	
Paid to Grand Treasurer (See Treasurer's Statement)	\$2,935.73	

LEDGER BALANCES

Amounts due from Chapters February 29th, 1926. . . \$	86.45	
Credits to Chapters, Feb. 28th, 1926.	10.40	
	<u>\$</u>	76.05

ITEMIZED REVENUE FROM SALES TO CHAPTERS

Registrations and R. A. Certificates.....	\$ 372.00
Registering of Joinings.....	15.00
Certificates, P.Z.'s and others.....	11.00
Dispensations.....	27.00
Work.....	29.00
Constitutions.....	13.90
By-Laws.....	.84
Padded Books.....	10.35
Bound Books.....	39.75
Loose Forms.....	20.72
Regalia, Paraphernalia, etc.....	210.99
Jewels.....	143.12
Life Membership.....	20.00
Receipts for Dues.....	32.80
Installation Ceremonies.....	9.00
Annual Dues, per capita.....	1,352.25
Annual Dues, Cap. Ben. Fund.....	670.25
	—————\$2,977.97
	\$3,054.02
Amount received from Chapters.....	2,871.42
	—————\$ 182.60

AMOUNTS DUE FROM CHAPTERS FEBRUARY 28th, 1926

Alberta, No. 1.....	\$12.20
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	1.45
Shekinah, No. 4.....	5.50
Golden West, No. 5.....	8.60
Bekah, No. 7.....	.15
Kether, No. 8.....	.05
Otuskwaw, No. 9.....	6.50
Vermilion, No. 14.....	4.75
Hillvue, No. 15.....	4.25
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	1.25
Mount Olivet, No. 17.....	56.00
Norwood, No. 18.....	.50
Hiram, No. 19.....	.85
Strathmore, No. 21.....	37.25
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	.25
Coronation, No. 23.....	5.95
Crescent, No. 24.....	3.20
Strathcona, No. 25.....	6.60
Eheyeah, No. 27.....	51.20
	—————\$ 206.50

LESS CREDITS TO CHAPTERS

North Star, No. 2.....	\$ 1.75
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	3.80
Bow Valley, No. 10.....	.60
Keystone, No. 12.....	2.90
Capital City, No. 13.....	1.25
Banff, No. 20.....	6.00
Harmony, No. 26.....	7.60
	—————\$ 23.90
	—————\$ 182.60

INVENTORY

Grand Officers' Regalia	\$1,016.45
Office Furniture, Books, etc.....	304.20
Office Stationery.....	130.71
Certificate Stone and Cuts.....	118.40
For Re-sale, Bound Books.....	235.40
Padded Books.....	12.08
Constitutions.....	123.16
By-Laws.....	18.43
Installation Ceremonies.....	53.32
Regalia and Paraphernalia.....	252.51
Loose Forms.....	37.40
Blank Certificates.....	68.29
	\$2,370.35

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Grand Officers' Expenses—	
Grand Z, on account of 1925-6	\$100.00
Grand Z, on account of 1926-7	102.85
Grand Lecturer on account of 1926-7....	64.85
Grand Superintendents, 1925-6....	125.00
	\$ 392.70
Grand Chapter Convocation Expense—	
Printing	\$ 87.42
Janitor	10.15
Mrs. McDonald	10.00
Rent.....	10.00
Stenographer	5.00
Hotel Expense, Visitor.....	6.00
	\$ 128.57
Grand Z's Jewel.....	50.00
Grand Z's Regalia.....	44.10
Grand Scribe E Salary.....	600.00
Rent of Safety Deposit Box.....	2.50
Insurance—	
Premium on Bonds.....	\$ 3.00
Premium on Fire.....	13.60
	16.60
Grand Chapter Proceedings.....	454.68
Printing and Stationery, office use.....	78.76
Printing and Stationery for re-sale—	
Bound Books.....	\$ 42.42
Installation Ceremonies.....	43.84
Dues Cards.....	5.51
Sundry.....	2.70
	94.47
Regalia, Paraphernalia for re-sale—	
R. A. Suits.....	\$200.42
R. A. and P. Z. Jewels.....	126.58
Pennies.....	5.00
	\$ 332.00
Engrossing Certificates.....	11.50
Copies of Work.....	26.57
Postage, Excise Stamps and Exchange.....	45.97
Filing Cabinets and Cards, for Card System....	91.95
Flowers.....	13.00
Express.....	1.79
Office Expense.....	2.50
Grand Chapter Library.....	4.00
Province of Alberta, Savings Certificates.....	1,000.00
See Grand Treas. Statement.....	\$3,391.66

RESTORED TO MEMBERSHIP

Alberta, No. 1	Samuel J. Blair, R. W. Ramshaw, Frederick M. Graham.
Shekinah, No. 4	Danson May, John Thomas Rothwell.
Otuskwam, No. 9	Oral D. Cloakey.
Bow Valley, No. 10	Julius Brutus Anderson.
Capital City, No. 13 . . .	Cecil Hazen Hankinson, John Smith Withey.
Hillvue, No. 15	Louis A. Weisgerber.
Norwood, No. 18	Frederick Rigby.

WITHDRAWALS

Alberta, No. 1	Ernest M. Doyle, S. M. Duff, A. J. Davis, R. W. Ramshaw, A. V. Bilton.
North Star, No. 2	John H. Jones, A. G. Brown, F. O. Burgess, R. H. Bickford, H. D. Heaney, Wm. F. Pinfold, P. T. Rutherford, Wm. Wood.
Assiniboia, No. 3	Wm. Howard McCosham.
Shekinah, No. 4	Norman Castle, John Thurston Willard, Edward George Hazell, Danson May, Thos. Scarlett Fetterley, Theodore Clowes Phillips, Thomas Harry Cool, Robert C. Kells, Robert Fisher Sang.
Golden West, No. 5	Alfred Clark Galbraith, Isaac John W. Hicks.
Mount Horeb, No. 6	Bertram M. Parker, Arthur B. Baadsgaard, Robert Gaunt, George H. Darlow.
Otuskwam, No. 9	J. G. W. Rendall, F. C. Wakley, Benjamin C. McMillan, James H. Maguire, Arthur N. James.
Bow Valley, No. 10	Peter A. MacDougall, William S. Hill.
Calgary, No. 11	Burton H. Armstrong.
Keystone, No. 12	Walter J. Hickin, Ernest Thornton, Ernest H. Mitchell, Horace G. Finch.
Capital City, No. 13	Cecil H. Hankinson, James B. Hawkins, John S. Peck, Bertram F. Morris, Frank J. Wolfe.
Vermilion, No. 14	George W. Dafoe, Henry R. Calvert, John Law.
Hillvue, No. 15	Luke Lindae, Louis A. Weisgerber, D. W. Davis.
Norwood, No. 18	Sidney A. Stacey.
Hiram, No. 19	James A. Curtis, Benjamin F. Curtis, (Dr.) James E. Mason, Charles W. Wylie.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22 . .	Michael Smith, James S. Shortt.
Crescent, No. 24	George W. Gould, Stephen Rattray, Archibald R. Mauger.
Harmony, No. 26	Robert H. Lyttle, Frank O. Eagon, John H. Ward, Thomas L. Ward, Alfred G. G. Hamar.

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1.....	Ottwell J. Mayhew.
North Star, No. 2.....	William Shortt, Allan M. Jeffers, Francis E. Bradley.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	Norman L. Robson.
Golden West, No. 5.....	William Robertson.
Bekah, No. 7.....	Paul Clark, Simon Peter Fraser.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	Williston F. W. Lent.
Bow Valley, No. 10.....	Victor LeRoy Gamble.
Capital City, No. 13.....	Eeward Graham.
Vermilion, No. 14.....	Edgar C. DeRosie.
Norwood, No. 18.....	Alfred W. Vavish.
Crescent, No. 24.....	Francis D. Beveridge.
Stratheona, No. 25.....	George Caldwell.

SUSPENSIONS FOR N.P.D.

Alberta, No. 1.....	C. A. McGee, Fred J. Stevenson, E. G. Vince J. W. Waddy, C. L. Sittlington, H. H. Rogers, J. M. Carson, Wm. Collett, A. D. Irvine, Thos. M. McCaulley.
North Star, No. 2.....	Francis X. Adams, J. A. Dalton, H. V. Fieldhouse, E. P. Fulton, R. A. Hard, P. C. Lawrie, J. A. Potter, J. W. Tipton, H. G. Turner.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	Arthur Hayr, William Miller, William Morgan, Samuel R. Noble, Mark Palmatory, John G. Robertson, John T. Rothwell, Frank Vickers, Stephen Wakeman.
Golden West, No. 5.....	Martin J. Armstrong, Clyde S. Hall.
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	Archibald R. Forsythe, Fred Nighswander.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	Benjamin Cronk, Walter D. Gow, Murray S. Todd, Duncan G. Inverarity, Herbert C. Hersey, John L. Brown.
Calgary, No. 11.....	Samuel Bering.
Keystone, No. 12.....	August E. Ott, Edward M. Gardiner, George Stuart Rosamund, Charles E. Wilson, John M. Bell.
Vermilion, No. 14.....	Frank E. Hawley, Frank E. Harris, James W. Pickan, L. H. Bennett, Robert F. Cundal, Daniel A. Campbell, Frank S. Long, Alfred Watt, A. Wellington Roseborough, Fred T. Wescott.
Hillvue, No. 15.....	Wm. Lloyd Evans, Gwilym Evans.
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	Ernest Jones.
Norwood, No. 18.....	J. E. Betts, David Petrie, Wm. Woodford.

Hiram, No. 19.....George Campbell, William O. Helem, Duncan
 H. Campbell, John A. McColl, T. M.
 Heyler, E. Gordon Jonah, Thomas R.
 Scott, Isber F. Shacker, Clifford A. Stewart,
 Edwin M. Bigilow, Elias A. Thompson,
 John P. McBeath, Rexford G. Fletcher,
 John Roy Saunders, Robert J. Duncan,
 Bruce L. Watt, Garnet A. Sheldon.

Stratheona, No. 25.George Thomson.

Harmony, No. 26.Robert H. Struthers.

SUSPENSION FOR U.M.C.

Stratheona, No. 25.J. P. McBeath.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Scribe E.

Report of Grand Treasurer

March 1st, 1926, to February 28th, 1927

Mar. 1, 1926—Cash in Bank	\$1,805.17
Received from Grand Scribe E.	2,935.73
(See G.S.E. Statement).	—————\$4,740.00

AMOUNTS PAID BY CHEQUE

March 1st, 1926, to February 28th, 1927

1926	
Mar. 2—S. H. Middleton, Gd. Z's Expenses.....	\$ 100.00
Mar. 27—C. R. Wentzel, hotel expense of Rep. . . .	6.00
Mar. 27—Craven Bros., Gd. Z. Jewel.	50.00
Mar. 27—J. L. Johnston, Gd. Janitor.	10.15
Mar. 27—Geo. W. Elliott, Gd. Supts. Expenses. . .	25.00
Mar. 27—Alex. McKee, Gd. Supts. Expenses. . . .	25.00
Mar. 27—C. A. McPherson, Gd. Supts. Expenses. .	25.00
Mar. 27—James Cleave, Gd. Supts. Expenses. . . .	25.00
Mar. 27—D. C. McDougal, Gd. Supts. Expenses. . .	25.00
April 12—Reliable Printing Co., Ptg. Gd. Chap. . . .	34.65
April 14—J. D. McAra, Mark Books.	42.42
April 14—Muir Cap Co. Ltd., R.A. Suit (sample)....	5.42
April 14—F. E. Osborne, Filing Drawers.	14.00
April 14—Albertan Job Press Ltd., Ptg.	68.26
April 14—Campbell, Floral Co. Ltd., flowers	10.50
April 14—Bank of Nova Scotia, Deposit Box	2.50
April 24—Mrs. MacDonald, caretakers services. . .	10.00
April 24—Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, rent	10.00
April 24—C. R. Wentzel, Postage and Express. . . .	12.19
May 6—W. A. Ackland Agencies, Bond Prem.	3.00
May 6—James Clements, Stenographers' services. .	5.00
May 29—Cross and Kemp, Multigraphing.	2.50
May 29—C. R. Wentzel, Gd. S.E. Salary	150.00
June 10—C. R. Wentzel, postage.	25.00
June 12—J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Cert.	4.00
June 12—Standard Typewriter Co., repairs to type- writer.	2.50
June 17—Albertan Job Press Ltd., Proceedings . . .	153.10
Aug. 12—Henny Birks & Son Ltd., Jewels	7.50
Aug. 12—Albertan Job Press Ltd., Ptg.	7.35
Aug. 12—J. R. Flan, Gd. Lect. Expense	22.30
Aug. 12—C. R. Wentzel, Gd. S.E. Salary.	150.00
Sept. 21—C. R. Wentzel, Library Account.	4.00
Sept. 21—Muir Cap Co. Ltd., regalia	65.00
Sept. 12—J. D. McAra, Ptg.	4.89
Sept. 12—Ambrose Kent & Son Ltd., Supplies	5.08
Sept. 12—E. G. Ironside, Gd. Z's Expenses	56.60
Oct. 9—J. H. Rutledge, Engrossing Cert.	3.00
Oct. 21—Office Specialty Co., Filing Indexes. . . .	36.05
Oct. 21—F. E. Osborne, Supplies.	2.70
Nov. 24—E. G. Ironside, Flowers.	2.50
Nov. 24—Albertan Job Press Ltd., Ptg.	9.61
Nov. 24—J. D. McAra, Installation Ceremonies. . .	45.42
Nov. 24—Grand Chapter of Canada, Work.	26.57

Nov. 24—J. R. Flan, Gd. Lect. Expense.....	34.50
Nov. 24—C. R. Wentzel, Gd. S.E. Salary.....	150.00
Dec. 16—E. G. Ironside, Gd. Z's Expenses.....	24.15
Dec. 16—W. A. Ackland Agencies, Ins. Prem.....	13.60
Dec. 16—Cross and Kemp, Multigraphing.....	4.00
Dec. 16—C. R. Wentzel, Postage.....	10.00
Dec. 16—C. R. Wentzel, Supplies Ambrose Kent & Son.....	5.00
1927	
Feb. 4—Muir Cap Co. Ltd., regalia.....	174.10
Feb. 4—Albertan Job Press Ltd., Ptg.....	20.21
Feb. 4—J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Cert.....	2.00
Feb. 22—Provincial Treasurer, Savings Certificate..	1,000.00
Feb. 22—Bank, Excise Stamps on above.....	.40
Feb. 26—Henry Birks & Son Ltd., Jewels.....	114.00
Feb. 26—Knights Bindery, Filing Cards.....	2.00
Feb. 26—J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Cert.....	2.50
Feb. 26—Albertan Job Press Ltd., Ptg.....	60.12
Feb. 26—C. R. Wentzel, Gd. S.E. Salary.....	150.00
Feb. 26—E. G. Ironside, Gd. Z's Expenses.....	22.10
Feb. 26—J. R. Flan, Gd. Lect. Expense.....	8.05
Feb. 26—Exchange re Joseph Stauffer Chapter.....	.17
	\$3,391.66
	\$1,349.24
Add outstanding cheque.....	22.30
	\$1,371.54

Fraternally submitted,

W. C. Black,

Grand Treasurer.

Auditors' Report

Calgary, March 10th, 1927.

To The Finance Committee:

We hereby certify that we have examined the books of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, and find same in good order and in accordance with the Vouchers, Cheques, Bank Statements, etc., and that all monies received by the Grand Scribe E. have been turned over to the Grand Treasurer and duly deposited in the Bank of Nova Scotia, Calgary, in the name of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

We have checked the reports of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer with the books, and same are correctly shown in accordance therewith.

We have inspected the Alberta Provincial Savings Certificates (twenty-four hundred dollars) and find them in order, fully registered in the name of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. They are in the custody of the Grand Treasurer.

The Inventory has been very closely checked and same represents a fair valuation of the property of Grand Chapter, depreciation having been duly provided for.

The amount owing by Subordinate Chapters to Grand Chapter is somewhat more than last year. Grand Scribe E. fully covers this matter in his report.

The Capital Benevolent Fund has been increased by the sum of \$670.25 and now stands at \$1,937.10.

We note that a Safety Deposit Box has now been rented for the safe custody of Grand Chapter Documents, Saving Certificates, etc.

Finally—the accounts and books of Grand Chapter have been well and carefully kept, and all of our requirements have been complied with, and the financial position of Grand Chapter continues in a sound and progressive condition.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Andrews,

E. H. Minchin,

Auditors.

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, That the reports of the Grand Scribe E., Treasurer and Auditors, be received and referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1926

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.
1	Alberta.....	Calgary.....	2nd Monday.....	Charles H. Minchin..	Edward F. Cooke....
2	North Star.....	Edmonton.....	2nd Tuesday.....	James B. Griffith....	Ledie H. Reilly.....
3	Asinibioia.....	Medicine Hat.....	3rd Thursday.....	T. A. Montgomery... Woller H. Smith.....	Walker B. Stevens... George H. Nowell....
4	Shekimah.....	Lethbridge.....	2nd Wednesday.....	Peter James Dewie ..	Percy G. Thomas
5	Golden West.....	High River.....	4th Tuesday.....	Harry G. Smith.....	George D. Wallace ...
6	Mount Horob.....	Wetaskiwin.....	4th Thursday.....	George J. Goosen....	Arthur Young.....
7	Bekah.....	Macleod.....	1st Tuesday.....	Walter Marcellus...	T. J. Cumberland....
8	Kether.....	Pincher Creek.....	3rd Thursday.....	J. Calvin C. Spence..	Joseph J. Webster....
9	Otuskan.....	Calgary.....	1st Thursday.....	Peter Maclean.....	Thomas W. Bates....
10	Bow Valley.....	Gleichen.....	2nd Wed. after full moon.....	Orrie W. Harris.....	Wm. F. Howarth....
11	Calgary.....	Calgary.....	2nd Wednesday.....	Herbert Willson....	Alfred G. Ayres.....
12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer.....	4th Tuesday.....	Roy M. Lamberton...	David McIntosh....
13	Keystone.....	Edmonton.....	2nd Friday.....	George A. Stewart...	J. W. G. Morrison...
14	Capital City.....	Vermilion.....	2nd Tuesday.....	Harold Henderson...	James A. Key.....
15	Vermilion.....	Hillcrest.....	3rd Tuesday.....	Peter Cook.....	Edward H. Mack....
16	Hillview.....	Claresholm.....	2nd Tuesday.....	John H. Richardson..	John Edwards.....
17	Tau Cross.....	Killarney.....	Wed. after full moon.....	Nel H. Golley.....	Jas. E. McLeod.....
18	Mount Olivet.....	Edmonton.....	1st Thursday.....	William E. Ward.....	A. N. Saddington...
19	Norwood.....	Youngstown.....	Monday on or after full moon.....	Angus J. Watson.....	Daniel A. Perry.....
20	Hiram.....	Banff.....	Thursday after full moon.....	Arthur A. Dunkley...	Chas. F. Dooley.....
21	Banff.....	Strathmore.....	2nd Thursday.....	George A. Rounce....	Hugh C. Ritchie....
22	Strathmore.....	Didsbury.....	Wednesday after full moon.....	Frank Booth.....	James Duncan.....
23	Coronation.....	Coronation.....	2nd Thursday after full moon.....	Robt. S. S. Wright...	George A. Travis....
24	Creston.....	Calgary.....	4th Thursday.....	Donald McAiskil...	Clar. E. Gerhart....
25	Strathcona.....	So. Edmonton.....	1st Wednesday.....	-----	-----
26	Harmony.....	Passano.....	1st Wednesday.....	-----	-----
27	Eheyeh.....	Drumheller.....	1st Friday.....	-----	-----
Add errors, Otuskwan No. 9.....				2 Deduct errors, Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	-----
Keystone, No. 12.....				3 Crescent, No. 24.....	-----
Vermilion, No. 14.....				1.....	-----
				6.....	-----
				9.....	-----

AVERAGE AMOUNT PER MEMBER OWING DUES, BY CHAPTERS

Chapter	Number of Members in arrears	Amount owing	Average per Member owing Dues
Alberta, No. 1	78	\$312.00	\$ 4.00
North Star, No. 2.	10	245.00	24.50
Assiniboia, No. 3.	41	226.00	5.51
Shekinah, No. 4.	27	143.00	5.29
Golden West, No. 5	15	223.00	14.86
Mount Horeb, No. 6	9	183.50	20.38
Bekah, No. 7	15	240.00	16.00
Kether, No. 8	21	212.50	10.12
Otuskwan, No. 9.		76.00	
Bow Valley, No. 10	20	489.15	24.45
Calgary, No. 11	25	97.00	3.88
Keystone, No. 12	70	262.75	3.75
Capital City, No. 13.	38	190.00	5.00
Vermilion, No. 14	26	242.50	9.33
Hillvue, No. 15.	17	96.00	5.65
Tau Cross, No. 16	6	70.00	16.66
Mount Olivet, No. 17—No report.			
Norwood, No. 18	10	270.00	27.00
Hiram, No. 19	16	588.50	36.78
Banff, No. 20	7	42.50	6.07
Strathmore, No. 21	20	371.00	18.55
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22	9	430.00	47.78
Coronation, No. 23.	33	426.00	12.91
Crescent, No. 24	35	188.00	5.37
Stratheona, No. 25.	16	118.00	7.37
Harmony, No. 26		36.50	
Eheyeh, No. 27	7	126.00	18.00
	<u>571</u>	<u>\$5,904.90</u>	

Average by Districts

District No. 1.	100	1,065.50	10.65
District No. 2.	112	872.25	7.79
District No. 3.	91	980.50	10.77
District No. 4.	141	1,999.15	14.18
District No. 5.	127	987.50	7.77
	<u>571</u>	<u>5,904.90</u>	

Average per Member Owing Dues

<u>571</u>	<u>\$5,904.90</u>	\$10.34
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Average Per Member on Chapter Roll

	2811		
Less Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17	<u>84</u>		
	2727	\$5,904.90	\$ 2.16

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SHOWING HOW INCREASES OR
DECREASES ARE ACCOUNTED FOR**

	1925	1926
Admissions.....	170	111
Affiliations.....	37	15
Restorations.....	6	11
Add errors.....	2	6
	215	143
Withdrawals.....	60	67
Suspensions.....	39	80
Deaths.....	25	16
Deduct errors.....	3	9
	—127	—172
	88 Increase	29 Decrease
Increase through—		
Restorations	5	
Errors prior returns.....	4	
Fewer Deaths.....	9	
	— 18	
Decrease through—		
Admissions.....	59	
Affiliations.....	22	
Withdrawals.....	7	
Suspensions.....	41	
Errors prior returns.....	6	
	—135	
	—117	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report that there are no Chapters
under Dispensation, therefore there is no business before your Committee.

Yours fraternally,

M. M. DOWNEY,
Acting Chairman.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded
by R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Potter, that the report of the Committee on Warrants
be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

We, your committee to whom was referred the Grand First Principal's
Address, also the reports of the Grand Second and Third Principals, desire
to congratulate these officers, and particularly M. E. Comp. Ironside on
his excellent report. The fact that he being a very busy man took time to
personally visit twenty-three out of twenty-seven Chapters of this Juris-

diction, as well as being present at five Chapters of Instruction during the year, speaks volumes for his interest in Royal Arch Masonry.

We are pleased to note that M. E. Comp. Ironside attended the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan at its Annual Convocation, and congratulate him on having the honour of being presented with life membership in that Grand Body.

We heartily concur in the recommendation of the Grand Third Principal that the work of the Chapters of Instruction be extended; that, if practicable, afternoon and evening sessions be held; that the instruction work of the Capitular degrees continue as heretofore, and that time be devoted to the imparting of information as to the origin, history and ideals of the Royal Craft.

We heartily agree in the two recommendations made by our Most Excellent Grand Z. regarding the duties of the Scribe E. of the Chapter, and the elimination of the practice of holding meetings on the Moon Schedule.

Faternally submitted,

JAS. N. RANKIN, *Chairman*,
S. Y. TAYLOR,
M. M. DOWNEY,
J. E. JOHNSON,
S. H. MIDDLETON.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, that the report of the Committee on the Grand First, Second and Third Principals' Addresses be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

This Committee on Audit and Finance has pleasure in submitting the following report:

We have examined the reports of the Grand Scribe E., Grand Treasurer and Auditors.

Those reports indicate the financial condition of the Grand Chapter and the financial activities of the past year in a satisfactory manner, and we recommend the approval of the same.

We note that the Grand Scribe E. has made progress in changing over the system of recording membership to the card system, about one-third of the membership having been covered to date, and the thanks of Grand Chapter are due to the Grand Scribe E. for his patient and persevering application to this laborious task. There is very much more labor involved in this change than most of the members have any conception of.

We would draw the attention of the Chapters to the necessity of having the returns made to Grand Scribe E. promptly, and particularly before the 28th of February, the close of the fiscal year. The work of the Grand Scribe E., Grand Treasurer and Auditors is much handicapped if these reports are delayed, since the end of the fiscal year comes so close to the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. In this connection, this committee desires to point out that a penalty is attached to returns being filed late. In reviewing this matter it is observed that the constitutional provisions for this penalty appears to have been omitted from the most recent revision of the Constitution.

We recommend that the Grand First Principal appoint a special committee to prepare a memorandum of any constitutional provisions now in force not appearing in the 1924 edition of the Constitution and that the Committee on Audit and Finance be given power to arrange for the publication of this memorandum on gummed leaflets for distribution to the members of the Chapters as an addendum and correction to the 1924 edition of the Constitution.

We heartily renew the recommendation of former years, that arrears of dues in the Chapter should receive the close attention of the principal officials and be reduced to a minimum.

We renew the recommendation of a year ago authorising the purchase by the Grand Scribe E. of an additional section in conformity with the present bookcase in use in the Grand Chapter Library.

We recommend that authority be given to the Committee on Audit and Finance to arrange for additional insurance upon the regalia and property of Grand Chapter on a basis which will adequately and economically protect the property of Grand Chapter against loss by fire.

We recommend that the Committee on Audit and Finance be authorized to change the banking arrangements now in effect to such extent and in such manner as the committee may deem necessary or expedient.

We recommend the acceptance of the tender of the Albertan Job Press, Limited, for printing the annual Proceedings, this tender being substantially lower than any other tender.

We have given considerable thought to the financial operations of Grand Chapter as illustrated by the reports of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer in the last three years and are of opinion that the business of Grand Chapter is being conducted on a much too narrow financial margin of safety.

We recommend that the matter of increasing the Grand Chapter dues payable by the Subordinate Chapters receive the serious consideration of Grand Chapter.

V. Ex. Comp. W. H. Andrews, of Crescent Chapter, No. 24, and Ex. Comp. C. H. Minchin, of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, were appointed auditors for 1926 and 1927 and have filed their report.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
J. E. JOHNSON,
JAS. A. MCGHEE,
F. B. COOPER.

RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. G. W. Potter, that the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

We, your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg leave to report that, by reason of the harmony existing in the private Chapters under the Grand Chapter of Alberta, no grievances or appeals have been presented to them for adjudication.

MELVIN M. DOWNEY, *Chairman*.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, that the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

MOTION RE STRATHMORE CHAPTER

The Grand Scribe E. having reported that Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, has filed its return in order, but had not paid the per capita, it was

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, that the representatives from Strathmore Chapter be allowed to vote.

AGED VETERANS CALLED TO THE ALTAR

Most Excellent Companion James N. Rankin and Excellent Companion (Colonel) James Walker, aged veterans and pioneers in laying the foundation of Masonry in Alberta, and more particularly in the district of Calgary, were escorted to the Altar and addressed by the Grand First Principal in a few well-chosen words suitable to the occasion.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The time for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the M. E. Grand Z. appointed M. E. Comps. J. N. Rankin, N. T. Macleod and S. H. Middleton scrutineers of the ballot, and the following were declared elected:

Grand Z	M. E. Comp. William M. McNab, No. 13, 10041 117th St., Edmonton.
Grand H	R. E. Comp. Frederick S. Selwood, No. 1, 111 Bank of Commerce Bldg., Calgary.
Grand J	R. E. Comp. James R. Flan, No. 9, 112 5th Ave. East, Calgary.
Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)	R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel, No. 11, 809 9½ St. N.W., Calgary.
Grand Scribe N.	R. E. Comp. James Cleave, No. 9, Calgary.
Grand Principal Sojourner	R. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison, No. 14, Vermilion.
Grand Treasurer	R. E. Comp. William C. Black, No. 11, Calgary.
Grand Registrar	R. E. Comp. David W. Cotton, No. 13, Ed- monton.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labor, the following nominations for District Superintendents were submitted to the M. E. Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selection was confirmed.

District No. 1	R. E. Comp. H. Sandilands, No. 25, 9528 91st St., Edmonton.
District No. 2	R. E. Comp. Robert Taylor, No. 23, Coronation.
District No. 3	R. E. Comp. Hugh C. Ritchie, No. 24, 1511 25th Ave. W., Calgary.
District No. 4	R. E. Comp. Alexander Carr, No. 9, 1520 10th Ave. E., Calgary.
District No. 5	R. E. Comp. George Pattinson, No. 15, Hill- crest.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Two Year Term

R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Potter.....	No. 18, Edmonton
R. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison	No. 14, Vermilion
R. E. Comp. Chester A. Arthur	No. 7, Brocket
R. E. Comp. James A. McGhee	No. 22, Didsbury

One Year Term

R. E. Comp. Robert C. Rankin.....	No. 24, Calgary
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RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, that a vote of thanks be extended to the scrutineers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

We, your Committee on Benevolence, are pleased to report that the Chapters of this Jurisdiction have expended a considerable amount for benevolence. Ten Chapters report a total of \$520.35. The other seventeen Chapters have not specified the amounts so expended. We commend our Companions for their generous support of this worthy cause and we feel sure that every Chapter in this jurisdiction will promptly and gladly respond to every legitimate appeal for assistance.

The benevolent fund of Grand Chapter now shows a balance on hand of \$1,937.10, and we would recommend that this CAPITAL benevolent fund be kept at a maximum of \$2,000.00 and that arrangements be made to place any surplus above this amount in the general fund.

We recommended last year that a separate account be started for this fund but we are informed that this has not been carried out and we again strongly urge that this be done.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. A. MCGHEE, *Chairman*.

GEO. W. POTTER,

JAS. R. FLAN.

Moved by R. E. Comp. J. A. McGhee, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, that the Report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

Moved in amendment by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock, that the report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Amendment carried.

REVISED REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

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JAS. A. MCGHEE, *Chairman*.

GEO. W. POTTER,

JAMES R. FLAN.

RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. J. A. McGhee, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, that the Revised Report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

AMOUNT EXPENDED BY CHAPTERS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1	Alberta	\$ 48.00
2	North Star	88.25
4	Shekinah	34.55
8	Kether	25.00
9	Otuskwan	98.50
12	Keystone	25.00
13	Capital City	19.80
20	Banff	6.00
22	Joseph Stauffer	25.00
23	Coronation	14.25
25	Stratheona	36.00
27	Eheych	100.00
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		\$520.35

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Calgary, March 17, 1927.

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

Your Committee appointed to purchase books for the Grand Chapter Library beg to recommend as follows:

1. That the following books be immediately purchased by the Grand Scribe E.:

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>
Conover	"King Solomon's Temple."
Conover	"The Master Mason's Mark."
Harvey	"Story of the Royal Arch."
Heiron	"Ancient Freemasonry."
Hughan	"Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry, especially in Relation to the Royal Arch Degree."
Oliver	"Origin of the Holy Royal Arch."
Sadler	"Thos. Dunckerley, His Life, Labours and Letters."
Sibley	"The Story of Freemasonry."
Springett	"Secrets of Syria and the Lebanon."
Stokes	"Royal Arch Masonry."
Waite	"A New Encyclopedia of Freemasonry."
Ward	"Explanation of the Holy Royal Arch."
Ward	"The Meaning of our Masonic Symbols."
Wright	"Masonic Legends and Traditions."
	"The Constitutions of the Freemasons."

2. That this Committee be authorized to purchase additional books, the total amount to be expended for the years 1926 and 1927 not to exceed \$100.00.

3. That a circulating library be instituted by the Grand Scribe E., under suitable regulations, so as to enable the various Chapters in the province to have the use of these books upon proper application.

4. That the Grand Scribe E. and the Chairman of the Committee be authorized to frame suitable regulations governing such circulating library

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,
FREDERICK S. SELWOOD.
S. H. MIDDLETON.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, that the report of the Committee on Grand Chapter Library be received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

During the evening the visiting Companions were entertained at a banquet by the Companions of the four Calgary Chapters.

(For addresses see Appendix.)

SECOND DAY

MORNING SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

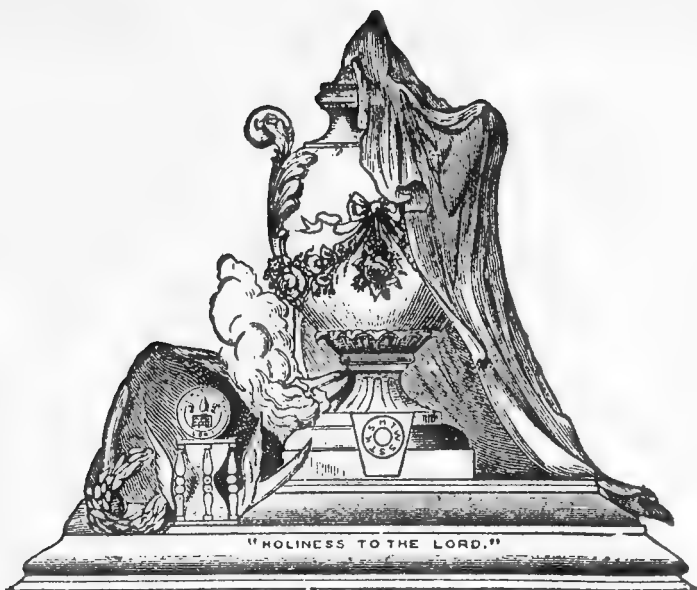
The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record that many of our Companions during the past year have answered the last earthly call and gone forth to the life beyond the grave. Life at the best is but as a vapour that passeth away. The glories of our birth and state are shadows, not substantial things. But when death comes, what nobler epitaph can any man have than this: that having served his generation, by the will of God he fell asleep? Little can the living do for the dead. The pomp and ceremonies of earthly grandeur have lost their significance, but when our souls shall leave their dwellings the story of one fair and virtuous action is more glorious than all the decorations on our tombs or the silken banners over us.

The record of the past year reminds us that thirty-six Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions have answered the last great call. We find of these, twenty-nine were of the rank of Past Grand High Priest and six others were Grand Officers.



**In Memory
OF THE
Companions of Our Own
Jurisdiction
FOR THE YEAR 1926**

"'Tis the human touch in the world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
That means more to the fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine.

For shelter is gone when the night is o'er
And food lasts only a day;
But the touch of the hand, and the sound of the voice
Will live in the soul alway."



In Memory
OF THE
Deceased Companions of
Sister Jurisdictions
FOR THE YEAR 1926

"The loved and lost; Why do we call them dead
Because we miss them on our onward road?
God's unseen angel o'er our pathway crossed,
Looked on us all, and loving them the most
Straightway relieved them of life's weary load.

He bid us do the work that they laid down,
Take up the song where they broke off the strain,
So journeying, till we reach the heavenly town,
Where are laid up our treasures and our crown,
And our lost loved ones will be found again."

To our sister Jurisdictions we offer our deepest sympathy in their loss.

We have to report the loss by death of twelve Companions of our own Chapters. Prominent among these members who have answered the final summons we do not overlook the passing of V. E. Comp. W. F. W. Lent, who died April 2nd, 1926.

He was one of the pioneers of Capitular Masonry in the West. He, in unison with his Companions, served the Grand Chapter with fidelity and zeal; they were known to be good men and true:

“When such men as these die,
Their place ye may not well supply,
Though ye among a thousand try
With vain endeavour.”

We regret that we shall not again meet them in fellowship here, but we rejoice that when our course of life is over, we may, by the mercy of the Almighty, renew in a truer sense our Companionship in the Fraternity of our Souls. To the families of our departed Companions we extend our deepest sympathy.

“O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That, in Thy sunshine-blaze, its day
May brighter, fairer be.”

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. MERCER, *Acting Chairman*
S. H. MIDDLETON,
W. C. BLACK.

RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, seconded by M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, that the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg to report that no business has come before this Committee for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR, *Chairman*.
G. W. ELLIOTT.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, that the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to report:

That, as no further information has been received in connection with the Grand Chapter of Queensland, and as there appears to be considerable unrest between others of the Australian Jurisdictions and the Grand Chapter

of Scotland, your Committee recommends that no further action be taken on the recognition of Queensland at this Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

J. E. JOHNSON, *Chairman*.
F. S. SELWOOD.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, that the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "WORK"

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta R.A.M.

Your Committee beg to report that as this Grand Chapter adopted the "Work" of 1914, and no other, that this is the official copy of the Work today. In view of the fact that other Grand Jurisdictions have been erected in Western Canada since that time, and the possibility of securing uniformity in this matter in the near future, your Committee recommends that it report progress, and be continued until next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. We also recommend that the Grand First Principal instruct the Grand Lecturer to compare the other editions in which alterations have been made with this authorized copy, and have inserts printed, to be supplied to the officers holding those copies, so that they will be brought to conform with the authorized "Work" and be used until the new issue is adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

J. E. JOHNSON, *Chairman*,
N. T. MACLEOD,
S. Y. TAYLOR,
J. R. FLAN.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by M. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, that the report of the Committee on Work be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta R.A.M.

It was with great pleasure that your Committee embarked upon the field of exploration, to go out in the highways and byways of Capitular Masonry here in Alberta. After reading and carefully noting the contents and many suggestions contained in the Grand Superintendents' Reports, we are convinced that the powers of their commissions have borne fruit abundantly.

We note with keen satisfaction that Capitular Masonry throughout the whole jurisdiction is developing in a healthy and substantial manner, not in great numbers we must admit, nevertheless, the calibre and mental superiority of many of the newly exalted Companions will stand the test for future building material.

In the choice and selection of officers much care seems to have been taken. This is most commendable. The world will judge us chiefly by those who are known to hold high positions among us. The risk is too great to entrust to careless and indifferent hands the rejection of unsuitable material for our Capitular Temple. Simply because a Companion is a "hail fellow

well met," is not sufficient to-day to warrant his elevation. The future well-being of the fraternity, regardless of personalities, should be placed in the hands of those who have already proven their capability as leaders of men and moulders of thought.

The continuance of regular Chapters of Instruction, at which some phase of the work is particularly emphasized, is most heartily commended.

While the keen interest and zealous labors of some of the Grand Superintendents have been especially deserving of recognition and commendation, we heartily concur in the suggestion of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal regarding the recommendation made in this connection.

Faithfully submitted,

S. H. MIDDLETON, *Chairman.*

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, that the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RE-DISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta R.A.M.

As there are two prospective Chapters seeking dispensation, your Committee beg to recommend that no action be taken at this time in the matter of re-distributing the present Chapters in the present Districts.

Fraternally submitted,

J. E. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

N. T. MACLEOD,

W. M. McNAB,

J. R. FLAN.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, that the report of the Committee on Re-distribution of Districts be received and adopted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison:—That this Grand Chapter bear the expense of printing in connection with the banquet held Wednesday evening, March 16th.

RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin:—That the rent of Lodge room for this Grand Convocation be paid by Grand Chapter.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison:—That the Grand Janitor be paid the sum of \$10.00 for his services during this Convocation.

MOVED by M. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson:—That the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to procure a Past Grand First Principal's Jewel, similar to those presented to the previous Grand Z.'s. This jewel to be presented to M. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside, retiring Grand Z., as a token of his good work during the past year.

MOVED in amendment by R. E. Comp. W. M. McNab, seconded by Ex. Comp. Geo. Rounce:—That a suit of Past Grand First Principal's regalia be purchased instead, to be presented to M. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside. Amendment carried.

RESOLVED, On motion of V. E. Comp. H. C. Ritchie, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson:—That the motion laid over from the last

Annual Convocation in regard to purchasing regalia for the Past Grand First Principals be further laid over for another year.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison. This Grand Body expresses its regret at the loss sustained by the Grand Chapter of Alberta in the removal of M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson from this Jurisdiction.

M. E. Comp. Johnson expressed his regret at having to leave the Companions among whom he had formed many deep and lasting friendships, but he hoped to be able to visit future Convocations and again greet his many friends.

He also suggested that Victoria would be a very desirable place in which to hold the next Annual Convocation.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood:—That the addresses given by Rev. Canon S. H. Middleton, P.G.Z., and Bro. (Rev.) H. W. Avison, at the banquet held on Wednesday evening, be printed in the Proceedings as an Appendix.

MOVED by R. E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison, seconded by R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Potter:—That a very hearty vote of thanks be tendered by this Grand Chapter to the Calgary Companions for their unfailing courtesies and generous hospitality to the visiting Companions during this Convocation. Given in the usual manner.

ACTION ON NOTICES OF MOTION

"Notice of Motion No. 2," proposed by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, at the last Annual Convocation, was moved by him, and seconded by R. E. Comp. W. M. McNab:

(2) "That the rank of Past Principal shall be given to and held by a First Principal who has served as First Principal in a warranted Chapter for a period of twelve months, provided that service in a Chapter under dispensation may be included in the said period of twelve months." Carried.

"Notice of Motion No. 1," was then moved by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. C. Black:

(1) That "Section 13 of the Constitution shall be amended by deleting the words 'Annual Convocation' and substituting the words 'District Meeting' and adding 'At the following Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter'."

Moved in amendment by Ex. Comp. R. M. Lambertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer:—That the motion lay on the table until the next Annual Convocation.

Amendment carried.

"Notice of Motion given by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer under Clause 147 of the Constitution:

"That Section 111 of the Constitution shall be amended by adding after the word 'suspension' in the fifth line, the words, 'And if on the thirty-first day of December following becomes two years in arrears, must be entered in the returns to the Grand Chapter as suspended', and delete all after the word 'dues' on line eight."

Was moved by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, seconded by Ex. Comp. O. G. Craig. On a vote being taken, the motion was declared lost.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, That a Special Committee consisting of the Grand First, Second and Third Principals and the Chairman of the Standing Committee

on Benevolence be and is hereby authorized to expend such sums for relief as the Committee may determine, not exceeding in the aggregate the amount in the Capital Benevolent Fund of Grand Chapter in excess of the contributions for the years 1925, 1926 and 1927 from the constituent Chapters at the rate of 25 cents per capita per annum.

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. W. H. S. Kemmis, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand First Principal appoint a special committee to prepare and present a report at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter on the following matters relating to benevolence:—

1. An outline of the nature and scope of our benevolent activities.
2. Recommendations as to the best method to be adopted for the acquiring of such funds.
3. The drafting of rules governing the election by Grand Chapter of a Benevolence Committee to administer these funds.
4. The drafting of regulations setting forth the duties, powers and restrictions placed upon the members of this Committee.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, at the request of M. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside, then proceeded with the installation of the newly elected officers, assisted by M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton as Director of Ceremonies, the newly installed officers being proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Installing Officers for the very efficient manner in which that duty was performed, which was acknowledged by M. E. Comp. Taylor.

Brief remarks were made by M. E. Comp. Middleton and R. E. Comp. J. C. Moore.

Short speeches were also given by the members of the Grand Council: M. E. Comp. McNab and R. E. Comps. Selwood and Flan.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

The following officers were then appointed by the Grand Z., and the Special Committees named in accordance with resolutions passed.

Appointed Officers

Grand Senior Sojourner, V.E. Comp. Philisk Pidgeon, No. 12, Red Deer.
 Grand Junior Sojourner, V.E. Comp. Thomas W. Bull, No. 25, Edmonton.
 Grand Lecturer, R.E. Comp. Chester A. Arthur, No. 7, Macleod.
 Grand Sword Bearer, V.E. Comp. Ralph P. Umbrite, No. 10, Gleichen.
 Grand Master 1st Veil, V.E. Comp. Herbert P. Long, No. 14, Vermilion.
 Grand Master 2nd Veil, V.E. Comp. Clare C. Hartman, No. 22, Didsbury.
 Grand Master 3rd Veil, V.E. Comp. George H. Travis, No. 26, Bassano.
 Grand Master 4th Veil, V.E. Comp. James Rennie, No. 19, Youngstown.
 Grand D. of C., V.E. Comp. Joseph V. Follett, No. 9, Calgary.
 Grand Organist, V.E. Comp. Fred N. Morris, No. 7, Macleod.
 Grand Pursuivant, V.E. Comp. Albert E. Wynne, No. 6, Wetaskiwin.
 Grand Steward, V.E. Comp. Frank Milne, No. 1, Calgary.
 Grand Steward, V.E. Comp. Vernon W. Parrish, No. 3, Medicine Hat.
 Grand Steward, V.E. Comp. Donald McLean, No. 13, Edmonton.
 Grand Steward, V.E. Comp. William Baxter, No. 2, Edmonton.
 Grand Janitor, Comp. J. L. Johnston, No. —, Edmonton.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Special Committee in addition to Standing Committee on Benevolence: M. E. Comp. W. M. McNab, R. E. Comps. F. S. Selwood and J. R. Flan.

Special Committee to draft report regarding Benevolence Fund: M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, *Chairman*; R. E. Comps. Jas. A. McGhee, J. R. Flan and F. S. Selwood, M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton. Ex officio, M. E. Comp. W. M. McNab and R. E. Comp. C. R. Wentzel.

Committee on printing slips for "Work," to bring the several editions up to date: M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, *Chairman*; R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan and M. E. Comps. S. H. Middleton and N. T. Macleod.

Committee on revising Motions adopted as additions to Constitution from previous Minutes, and printing slips: M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, *Chairman*; M. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside and R. E. Comps. J. R. Flan and C. R. Wentzel.

GRAND CONVOCATION CLOSED

The labors of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 1:45 o'clock p.m.

Clifford Wentzel

Grand Scribe E.



GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914

Grand Officers	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919
Grand Z.	S. Y. Taylor.	J. N. Rankin.	F. S. Watson.	Robert Patterson.	A. R. Dickson.	M. M. Downey
Grand H.	F. S. Watson.	F. S. Watson.	R. Patterson.	A. R. Dickson.	M. M. Downey.	N. T. Macleod
Grand J.	T. C. Bruce.	T. C. Bruce.	A. R. Dickson.	M. M. Downey.	N. T. Macleod.	H. Darling
Grand Scribe E.	M. M. Downey.	M. M. Downey.	M. M. Downey.	J. E. Johnson.	J. E. Johnson.	J. E. Johnson
Grand Scribe N.	A. R. Yates.	A. R. Dickson.	E. D. H. Wilkins.	Geo. D. Stanley.	P. J. Dewie.	F. C. Dunlop
Grand Prin. Soj.	E. D. H. Wilkins.	E. D. H. Wilkins.	A. R. Yates.	N. T. Macleod.	W. T. Coote.	W. A. Mahaffy
Grand Treasurer.	A. W. R. Markley.	A. W. R. Markley.	A. W. R. Markley.	A. W. R. Markley.	A. W. R. Markley.	A. W. R. Markley
Grand Registrar.	A. West.	A. West.	V. A. Poves.	E. D. H. Wilkins.	D. W. McMillan.	Jesse Elliott
Grand Senior Soj.	T. Rankine.	D. W. McMillan.	W. A. Mahaffy.	Geo. W. Elliott.	Jesse Elliott.	W. J. Stephenson
Grand Junior Soj.	A. H. Spurr.	W. A. Mahaffy.	D. L. Munison.	David McIntosh.	J. A. R. Powell.	J. J. Green
Grand Lecturer.	J. H. Argue.	J. H. Argue.	J. H. Argue.	J. H. Argue.	J. H. Argue.	J. H. Argue
Grand Sword Bearer.	G. B. McLeod.	G. B. McLeod.	G. D. Wallace.	W. F. W. Leut.	R. D. Robertson.	R. H. Struthers
Grand M. 1st Veil.	H. I. Miller.	H. G. Hoare.	A. N. Lindsay.	William T. Coote.	J. Dan McDonald.	G. E. Cruickshank
Grand M. 2nd Veil.	G. T. Bregg.	T. H. Irvine.	D. McKenzie.	R. Powell.	D. Thompson.	Harvey Brock
Grand M. 3rd Veil.	C. E. Macdonald.	D. G. Campbell.	R. C. MacDonald.	Thos. Burnett.	H. B. Jamieson.	S. T. Fawcett
Grand M. 4th Veil.	W. E. Lord.	James Walker.	E. E. Farley.	J. A. MacDonald.	A. W. Rosborough.	D. McLean
Grand D. of C.	J. M. Empey.	A. R. Yates.	James Walker.	F. S. Selwood.	Geo. Simpson.	M. R. Peacock
Grand Organist.	G. J. Davis.	F. B. Cooper.	Peter Walker.	J. E. Holgson.	F. B. Cooper.	W. A. Ackland
Grand Pursuivant.	E. E. Farley.	F. E. Farley.	H. H. Fletcher.	Joseph Longdon.	Geo. Campbell.	D. A. Taylor
Grand Steward.	Ceo. McManus.	F. R. Jeffs.	W. E. Mercer.	S. M. Fraser.	F. S. Macpherson.	A. N. Saddington
Grand Steward.	W. A. Mahaffy.	Gaius Allen.	D. W. McMillan.	G. E. Hayward.	A. Hayr.	H. Macpherson
Grand Steward.	G. L. Chesney.	D. L. Munison.	Gaius Allen.	J. A. Neff.	R. C. MacDonald.	W. J. Haynes
Grand Steward.	J. S. Lambert.	G. J. Davis.	G. J. Davis.	William Thompson.	S. M. Fraser.	H. D. McMillan
Grand Janitor.	Harvey Brock.	R. C. Bruce.	J. L. Johnston.	Thos. Baird.	Wm. Burns.	S. H. Davies

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION (Continued)

Grand Officers	1920	1921	1922	1923
Grand Z.....	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling	G. B. McLeod	W. T. Coote
Grand H.....	H. Darling	G. B. McLeod	W. T. Coote	J. E. Johnson
Grand J.....	W. T. Coote	W. T. Coote	J. E. Johnson	S. H. Middleton
Grand Scribe E.....	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	E. G. Ironside	E. G. Ironside
Grand Scribe N.....	D. McIntosh	Jas. R. Flan	Jas. A. McGhee	J. W. Stephenson
Grand Prin. Soj.....	Geo. B. McLeod	Jas. A. McGhee	R. G. Thomson	G. E. Cruickshank
Grand Treasurer.....	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher
Grand Registrar.....	Jos. G. Morris	G. F. Butler	R. C. Rankin	W. J. Haynes
Grand Senior Soj.....	W. C. Black	R. G. Thomson	Robt. Evans	C. R. Wentzel
Grand Junior Soj.....	J. E. Rannard	Alex. McKee	A. G. Finch	James Cleave
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Grand Sword Bearer.....	W. D. Graham	J. W. G. Morrison	A. D. Campbell	Joseph Brown
Grand M. 1st Veil.....	R. W. Manley	W. E. M. Holmes	J. W. G. Morrison	F. J. Folinsbee
Grand M. 2nd Veil.....	D. C. McKenzie	A. C. Sloane	D. S. Barcham	R. S. Davis
Grand M. 3rd Veil.....	R. L. McIlveen	D. C. McDougall	P. R. Campbell	C. W. Coppock
Grand M. 4th Veil.....	J. B. Sutherland	E. C. Locke	Peter Maclean	C. H. Russell
Grand D. of C.....	J. H. Green	E. M. Cawker	J. W. Oakes	W. G. Evans
Grand Organist.....	W. A. Ackland	W. A. Ackland	F. B. Cooper	F. B. Cooper
Grand Pursuivant.....	J. R. Flan	E. G. Lamb	A. G. Aldridge	P. D. Stone
Grand Steward.....	G. F. Butler	Alex. H. Duff	F. A. McEwan	Geo. Patinson
Grand Steward.....	M. M. Steele	R. P. Umbrite	H. C. Ritchie	H. H. Humber
Grand Steward.....	H. O. Haslam	C. W. McKinnon	H. W. B. Bell	W. A. Fallow
Grand Steward.....	Oliver Cowin	R. C. Rankin	W. D. King	W. E. M. Holmes
Grand Janitor.....	J. J. Green	S. H. Davies	J. L. Johnston	S. H. Davies

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Grand J.....	E. C. Dunlop.....	Wm. M. McNab.....	F. S. Selwood.....	Jas. R. Flan.....
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Grand Scribe N.....	D. S. Bareham.....	I. F. Casteel.....	D. W. Cotton.....	James (leave.....
Grand Prin. Soj.....	W. C. Marsh.....	W. J. Stephenson.....	Ernest Ward.....	J. W. G. Morrison.....
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Grand M. 1st Veil.....	C. A. MacPherson.....	G. Pattinson.....	John Seikirk.....	Herbert P. Long.....
Grand M. 2nd Veil.....	F. B. Watson.....	John Taylor.....	F. M. Dillon.....	Clare C. Hartman.....
Grand M. 3rd Veil.....	J. W. Oakes.....	W. W. Pratt.....	W. G. Niblock.....	George H. Travis.....
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R.E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison .2 years	R.E. Comp. G. W. Elliott . . .1 year
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The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Edmonton on the Third Wednesday, being the 21st day of March, 1928.



Grand Scribe E.

809-9½ St. N.W., Calgary.

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Nebraska.....	Dr. Hayes Csantner.....	Ch. sha
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Wyoming.....	Walter B. Saunders.....	Gillette

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New Hampshire.....	C. A. Arthur.....	Brocket
New Jersey.....	W. T. Coots.....	Red Deer
New South Wales.....	C. R. Wentzel.....	Calgary
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APPENDIX

REPORT *of* COMMITTEE *on* FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand Z.

History fails to inform us how long it took Jules Verne to write his book "Round the World in Eighty Days." We have been "round the Capitular world" covering a period of twelve months and we can safely say that Jules had nothing to brag about. We have read and reviewed sixty-five of the Grand Chapter Proceedings and in nearly every case have found much to attract our attention. The main feature of the past year seems to be the number of suspensions for N.P.D. and we agree with many of our fellow correspondents that those suspensions are mainly the result of the rush for membership during the war years.

One of the bright outlooks for the future is the thought and attention that are being given to Educational Loan Funds for Boys and Girls. We are of the opinion that Masonry never before instituted a greater nor wider-reaching benefit to the world than this.

Another cause for rejoicing is the attention given to the Education of Masons on "Masonry." Surely this will be the means of creating a greater love and respect for our Order.

In our feeble reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters we have endeavored to note those items that are of peculiar interest to Alberta Companions. We have endeavored to be fair in our criticisms of decisions and rulings which are not in accord with the practice in Alberta. If we have used the paste pot to a considerable extent, it has been because we believe there is a lesson to be learned in every clipping.

Fraternally submitted,

J. E. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

S. Y. TAYLOR,

F. S. SELWOOD.

**Proceedings received between January 1st and December 31st, 1926,
have been reviewed as follows:**

Alabama	1925	New Hampshire	1925
Arizona	1926	New Hampshire	1926
Arkansas	1925	New Jersey	1926
British Columbia	1926	New Mexico	1926
California	1926	New South Wales	1925
Canada	1926	New York	1926
Colorado	1925	New Zealand	1926
Connecticut	1926	North Carolina	1926
Delaware	1926	North Dakota	1926
Dist. of Columbia	1926	Nova Scotia	1926
Florida	1926	Ohio	1925
Georgia	1926	Oklahoma	1926
Idaho	1925	Oregon	1926
Illinois	1926	Pennsylvania	1925
Indiana	1925	Quebec	1926
Indiana	1926	Saskatchewan	1926
Iowa	1926	Scotland	1926
Kansas	1926	South Carolina	1926
Kentucky	1925	South Dakota	1926
Louisiana	1926	Tennessee	1926
Maine	1926	Texas	1925
Manitoba	1926	Texas	1926
Maryland	1925	Utah	1926
Massachusetts	1925	Victoria	1926
Michigan	1926	Virginia	1925
Minnesota	1925	Vermont	1926
Minnesota	1926	Washington	1925
Mississippi	1926	Washington	1926
Montana	1924	Western Australia	1926
Montana	1925	West Virginia	1925
Nebraska	1925	Wisconsin	1926
Nevada	1926	Wyoming	1926
New Brunswick	1925		

ALABAMA

99th Annual Convocation

Held at Montgomery, 30th November, 1925.

R. E. Comp. Robert E. Howard represented Alberta.

The Grand High Priest, in an able address, pays particular attention to what he considers the two great duties of Masons, viz.: I—Charity; II—Light. Of the latter he says:

“To give out light or knowledge to the world is the second of the two great duties. ‘Masonic Light is Wisdom, Knowledge. Ignorance is Darkness.’ The man who gets Light and Understanding cannot fail to become a better husband and father, citizen and Mason. He surely appreciates more keenly the needs and aspirations of his fellows. A knowledge of even some of the laws of Nature brings us that much nearer to a realization of the power and loving kindness of our God.

“For a number of years, much to our shame, Alabama was practically at the foot of the list of the states as to literacy. It is with

joy that we see this condition being bettered year by year, and it does show that our people are fast awakening to the great necessity of education or light. The Grand Chapter, as well as the other Masonic Grand Bodies of Alabama, has established certain scholarships in colleges and universities. These are splendid and I only regret our inability to endow more of such scholarships. However, my personal opinion is that we would do well if we could also establish some scholarships for those who are the worthy sons and daughters of deceased Royal Arch Masons and who are unable to complete their high school education. If a boy or girl is really ambitious and energetic and has a goal in life, it can be reached almost without question, if the course through high school can be completed. I personally know of instances where certain bodies and organizations have contributed monthly to the income of a family in order that the high school boy would not have to be put to work as a wage-earner for his family. In some of these cases the boy has either won a scholarship to or worked his way through college.

"Of course, the Grand Chapter is not possessed of sufficient funds to finance every deserving child through high school, but we can make a start in a small way, and I am certain that even a modest beginning will widen out into a larger circle, year by year.

Recommendation

"I desire to recommend that the Grand Chapter appropriate and set aside the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be known as the 'High School Scholarship Loan Fund,' to be used under the following conditions:

"1. An amount of not exceeding forty dollars (\$40.00) to be placed at the disposal of any Chapter under this jurisdiction which will appropriate a like amount, the total thus obtained to be used in defraying the expenses through high school of a worthy son or daughter of a deceased Royal Arch Mason, who was in good standing at the time of his death.

"2. The amount furnished each beneficiary of this fund is to be considered as a loan, to be repaid by such beneficiary to the Grand Chapter, through the local Chapter, when possible to do so.

"3. Each applicant as a beneficiary of this loan fund is to be selected by the vote of each local Chapter making request for such loan.

"4. Application for each unit of forty dollars (\$40.00), is to be made by the local Chapters to a board consisting of the M. E. Grand High Priest, R. E. Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Finance Committee of this Grand Chapter, such board to be fully advised of all the facts and circumstances surrounding each case.

"5. This loan fund is to be distributed among the first twenty-five Chapters fulfilling the prescribed conditions and making the proper application to the proposed board.

"6. When this loan fund is entirely distributed and used, another appropriation is to be made in such an amount as the Finance Committee of this Grand Chapter deems warranted by the finances of the Grand Chapter at that time:

The Committee on Finance approved of the recommendation and Grand Chapter adopted this splendid plan of education.

The Grand High Priest paid a well deserved tribute to the Grand Secretary, M. E. Comp. George A. Beauchamp.

He found that in some instances the District Inspectors were not fulfilling their duties by regular and frequent visits to Chapters. A

special Committee to investigate asked for more time and a full report may be given at the next Grand Convocation.

Alberta 1925 is kindly reviewed by the Foreign Correspondence Committee.

The Statistical summary shows 1025 Exalted and 1085 suspended N.P.D.

88 Chapters. 15,384 Members. Loss, 104.

ARIZONA

36th Annual Convocation

Held at Tucson, 9th February, 1926.

Comp. Everett H. McEachren represented Alberta.

The Grand High Priest, in his expression of appreciation of the Grand Secretary M. E. Comp. Roskrue, stated "That for ten years, he served as Grand Secretary, 'without fee or reward' except the reward of trusting that his work would bear inspection when taken to the Master Overseer."

No correspondence report.

12 Chapters. 1,305 Members. Loss, 1.

ARKANSAS

76th Annual Convocation

Held at Little Rock, 19th November, 1925.

Alberta not represented.

M. E. Comp. Bert S. Lee, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the United States and Canada, was received with honors.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests of Arkansas were received with Grand Honors.

Several Representatives near other Grand Jurisdictions reported in writing to the Grand High Priest showing their appreciation of having been appointed "Grand Representatives."

The Grand High Priest found that personal affairs made it imperative to spend practically his entire time outside the boundaries of the State. The Deputy Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary in his absence carried out the duties of his office. With reference to suspension for N.P.D., he says:

"I wonder, Companions, if after all this alarming rate of suspensions for non-payment of dues isn't traceable to the indifference and laxity among our Chapter officers. In conversation some months ago with a Companion whose Chapter had suspended him for this cause, he said to me, 'Our Chapter meets twice or three times during the year. When we finally do get enough members out to open the Chapter, none of the officers seem to be able to even read their parts out of the book, and we are kept there until the wee small hours. I would love to attend the meetings if the Chapter would show any signs of life, but if the officers don't know their parts, they can hardly expect any one else to be really interested. I don't feel that I should pay good

money into a dead organization.' I greatly fear that this chance remark by this Companion reveals a condition obtaining in a great number of our Subordinate Chapters. Do your Chapter officers use the Ritual, or are they able to open and close the Chapter and confer Degrees without the use of it?"

The minimum Chapter dues were raised from one to two dollars per annum.

89 Chapters. 8,047 Members. Gain, 3.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

8th Annual Convocation

Held in Victoria, 16th June, 1926.

R. E. Comp J. W. Prescott, Alberta's Representative, present as Grand Scribe E.

M. E. Comp. Frank C. Bird, Past Grand Z., owing to the sudden death of M. E. Comp. J. G. Gamon, Grand First Principal, conducted the Convocation.

We mourn with our British Columbia Companions in their great loss.

R. E. Comp. T. H. Carey, Grand H., after the death of his Grand Z., conducted the affairs of the Jurisdiction in a manner that won the approval of the Companions. Knowing Comp. Carey as we do, nothing else but efficiency could be expected of him. He has now been elected Grand Z., and we wish him a successful and happy term of office.

R. E. Comp. Prescott, Grand Scribe E., and Chairman of the Correspondence Report, gives Alberta a three page report of M. E. Comp Middleton's year. It is at all times complimentary and kindly.

24 Chapters. 2,630 Members. Gain, 81.

CALIFORNIA

72nd Annual Convocation

Held at San Francisco, 20th April, 1926.

Alberta's Representative, M. E. Comp. Charles H. King, Grand High Priest.

Seven survivors of the earthquake and fire of 1906 were present and greeted with "honors."

The Grand High Priest gave a full report of a busy and successful term of office. Not only is he a strong character, but he must be a giant physically. Any Grand Chapter officer who can visit one hundred and twenty-three Chapters in one year, partake of chicken dinners, turkey dinners, outdoor dinners, baked ham dinners, barbecues, venison stews, etc., etc., etc., and come through alive, must have an iron constitution.

If space would permit, we should like to copy all of the circulars sent out by the Grand High Priest as they are all of great interest. Here is one on "Grand Representatives" that is to the point:

March 1st, 1926.

To the Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of California.

My Dear Companion:

Are we who are acting as the Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters doing our duty, or are we satisfied with the honor

that has been conferred upon us and willing to let our Grand Secretary do the necessary correspondence?

One of our main duties in this important position is to create and hold a friendly relation between the Grand Chapter we represent and our own Grand Chapter, and by your frequent attendance at our Grand Convocation to show we appreciate the appointment.

We should remember that each of these other Grand Jurisdictions on receiving copies of our Grand Proceedings, immediately look to see if their Representative was present. How important it is then, to not only keep in touch with the Grand Chapter we represent, but also to attend as often as possible the Convocation of our own Grand Chapter.

Let us, therefore, resolve to at once get busy, write a nice letter to the Grand Jurisdiction we represent, and in turn ask for a message to be delivered at our Convocation April 20th and 21st.

If, on the other hand, we find we are too busy to attend to these duties, let us play fair by resigning our Commission and allowing someone else to be appointed who would enjoy the privilege.

Personally, I hope to see each of you present this year ready to give a good account of your Stewardship.

Faternally yours,

CHAS. H. KING,

Grand High Priest.

The Grand Lecturer has this to say as to the proper conduct of meetings:

"I join with our Deputies in making a few suggestions: Open your meetings promptly at the time stated—conserve time whenever possible. Endeavor at all time to have something doing to attract the attention of those on the side-lines and keep them interested. Resolve that nothing but correct work shall be done. Do all work with earnestness and snap,—keep things moving. No one part of the work is more important than another. Every officer should put all his efforts into his part and get everything out of it that is intended. Music and singing are very essential to our work. Make all reasonable efforts, consistent with Chapter finances, to get the members' feet under the lodge-table. Friendships are formed in casual meetings, but more often cemented while breaking bread. Monthly bulletins are helpful. A successful Chapter needs two important factors, i.e., a presiding officer who fits into the office without cramping, and who does not have to be bolstered up to keep him from wobbling, and who is strong enough in dignity and character to maintain the prestige of the office, and last, yet most indispensable unnecessary, a competent and willing Secretary."

123 Chapters. 24,744 Members. Gain, 1,198.

CANADA

68th Annual Convocation

Held at Toronto, 24th February, 1926.

Ninety-four Chapters were represented by regular officers, fourteen by Proxy and twenty-seven by Past Z's. Leaving out the proxy voters there were 121 Chapters *directly* represented by those who take an active part in the affairs of those Chapters. This may not have been a record attendance, but it shows that "Our Old Mother" still has influence in the Province of Ontario.

Addresses of welcome to Toronto were given by V. E. Comp. B. J. Miller, representing the Mayor, and by a committee of Companions representing the Toronto Chapters.

Distinguished visitors from the Grand Chapters of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and Quebec were present as well as the Grand Master of Canada in Ontario, the Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite, the Grand Chancellor of Knights Templar and many others.

The address of the Grand Z, M. E. Comp. W. H. Davis, was concise and businesslike.

He rules that "a Chapter might have its minutes typewritten, by Scribe E., with proviso that each sheet should be numbered, signed and afterwards secured in binder. Also, "Where an officer absolutely refused to attend Convocations or to resign his office, I ruled that his refusal to do his duties was tantamount to resigning his office, and that the Chapter should proceed to fill his place."

His concluding remarks are worthy of our attention:

"In Hamilton, on the 19th of January, 1857, eight earnest Royal Arch Masons met and formed the Grand Chapter of Canada. From this small beginning, the present Grand Chapter, with its 153 Subordinate Chapters and its 25,650 Companions, and flourishing Grand Chapters in Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, each considered by us: A Daughter in her Mother's house but Mistress in her own, have grown and developed.

"If such a thing were possible and the eyes of those Grand old Masons could penetrate the veil separating the Grand Chapter above and this Grand Convocation, we can easily imagine them saying, 'We builded better than we knew.'

"Down through the years intervening since its foundation, the Grand Chapter has had a succession of earnest and sincere Craftsmen, labouring for the best interests of Royal Craft Masonry or this success would not have been attained.

"To us, as their successors, has been entrusted the leadership of this Grand Body, and may we be so guided and directed that when we lay down the sceptres of active service, the Royal Craft will be found to be still making substantial progress and still giving service to the highest ideals of Masonry."

From the splendid addresses of the Distinguished Visitors present, we quote from that of Grand Master John A. Rowland, as it seems to the writer to be particularly applicable to some of our Local Lodges and Chapters, especially his words with reference to "Personal Interpretations."

"During the very kind introduction which I received when I entered this Grand Chapter, the statement was made that I was the corner-stone of the whole institution; but after all there is a good deal of truth in that description. You must of necessity draw your materials from my storehouse, and, therefore, your welfare is necessarily bound up with our own. If we fail in Blue Lodge Masonry, you in the Royal Craft cannot succeed. If we in Blue Lodge Masonry succeed, in the full sense of the term, you in the Royal Craft cannot consequently fail. But there is one thing I would like to impress upon you as Royal Arch Masons and it is this: it strikes me that in this North American continent one of the greatest dangers that threaten Masonry today is the feature of personal interpretations--and very often erroneous interpretations--of the mission and purpose of Masonry on the part of bodies who are affiliated with it, and sometimes of bodies who are not affiliated with it, but pretend to have some connection with it. I believe that the welfare of the Royal Craft and the welfare of Masonry in general depends, to some extent at least, upon the very closest co-operation and

cordial understanding between this Grand Body and the one over which I have the honour to preside."

The "Correspondence Report," being again in the able hands of M. E. Comp. W. N. Ponton, it is unnecessary to add that it is one of the most brilliant of the many fine reports that have been reviewed. He devotes almost ten pages to our Tenth Anniversary and to our Convocation of 1924 and quotes freely from the many addresses made by our distinguished visitors and "Old time workers in the Quarries of Alberta."

153 Chapters. 25,650 Members. Gain, 335.

COLORADO

51st Annual Convocation

Held at Denver, 17th December, 1925.

Alberta not represented.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the formation of Grand Chapter was celebrated on September 17th, 1925.

The addresses given by distinguished Companions were of outstanding merit and the exercises in connection with the anniversary were conducted in a splendid manner. R. E. Comp. Wm. S. Pickerell represented Alberta.

The Correspondent ably reviews Alberta for 1924 and 1925. Altogether the Proceedings of Colorado are of great interest.

51 Chapters. 8,640 Members. Gain, 26.

CONNECTICUT

128th Annual Convocation

Held at Hartford, 10th May, 1926.

Comp. F. E. Bartholomew represented Alberta.

Nothing of great moment appears in the address of the Grand High Priest. He hoped to see the R.R.'s and other devices discarded, but the Committee on Ritual were afraid some of the Companions who look upon these features as "ancient landmarks" might object. Poor old "ancient landmarks"—what next will be tagged on to you?

M. E. Comp. Geo. A. Kies, in his Review of other Grand Chapters, deals very kindly with our Convocation of 1925, although one of our decisions "seems peculiar in spots."

He publishes a very valuable "Table of Statistics" of Grand Chapters in the United States.

44 Chapters. 16,531 Members. Gain, 376.

DELAWARE

58th Annual Convocation

Held at Wilmington, 20th January, 1926.

R. E. Comp. John W. Macklem, Grand Secretary, represented Alberta.

The Grand High Priest reports "No dissensions have arisen in the various Chapters." In addition to visits to the Chapters in his own Jurisdiction, he attended New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

5 Chapters. 2,068 Members. Gain, 3.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

59th Annual Convocation

Held at Washington, 10th February, 1926.

Alberta's Representative absent.

The Grand High Priest discharged his duties conscientiously, visiting all the Chapters "frequently" during the year. He refused a dispensation to ballot on the petition of an applicant for the degrees in less than the statutory period, the reason for the request being "to complete the Chapter work to an early date to take up other Masonic work which he contemplates." (More of the higher order stuff.)

Petworth Chapter, constituted by the G.H.P. on March 16th, 1925, is making splendid progress.

The following excerpts from the G.H.P.'s admirable address will be of interest:

"It is universally admitted that during the war and the post-war periods, many persons were initiated into all branches of Masonry who were not actuated by the motives which induce petitioners to seek admission in normal times. That these should soon sever their connection with Masonry is to be expected. In their cases it is the elimination of material that has proven to be incapable of assimilation because they were never Masons at heart and, neither giving anything to Masonry nor finding anything in it, they drop out of it doubtless with the thought that they have made a poor investment."

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"It is true that many of us fail to accomplish all that we set out to do in our varied activities, but the old advice about hitching your wagon to a star is as true as in the days long faded into the past. High aims, exalted purposes and worth-while ambitions stimulate effort and kindle enthusiasm to the end that, though the goal may not be reached, greater progress is made than if our aims and purposes were less exalted or our objective easier of attainment."

The Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, M. E. Comp. W. W. Jermaine, is certainly not pessimistic with regard to withdrawals and suspensions. We agree with him that the present state of affairs is merely a reaction from the recent inrush of members. The following extract shows that he speaks with knowledge:

"There isn't anything serious about it, or that should cause worry. We shall weather the storm, even if it should be as severe as that which followed the inrush of members during and after the Civil War, and afterwards we shall probably be on a better footing than before. Not until the Hayes Presidency did fraternal societies in the United States begin to strike the upgrade, and the middle eighties had come before normal conditions were restored.

"During both these war and post-war periods we made Masons more rapidly than we could assimilate them. Men came into the fraternity, and didn't find things as they had expected to find them. We didn't have the machinery with which to do social work on a large scale, and I know of no reason why we should have been expected to have it. The result was that many of these new members, after a while, began to drop out. As sixty years ago, so now: Dimits and suspensions n. p. d. are the great leaks. As I have suggested, what was true of Freemasonry has been true of all other fraternal organizations.

"I doubt if the reaction now will be as severe as it was following the Civil War. The country is richer, more populous, more prosperous, fraternal societies are more firmly grounded, and therefore in position to stand up under severe strains. In the seventies, hundred of constituent chapters surrendered their charters, and there were fears in some of the states that the Royal

Craft might not survive. It is my prediction that there will be nothing of that kind now.

"Let us get it out of our heads that the blame rests with individuals in the constituent chapters. They are as powerless as everybody else. The law of compensation is at work, and all we can do, as I say elsewhere in this review, is to sit tight, know that things are going to come out all right and that there is no occasion for alarm, even in its milder forms."

Our special Anniversary, and the Eleventh Annual Convocation are fraternally reviewed and we are complimented on our departure from the topical form of review. Thanks, Comp. Jermaine.

16 Chapters. 6,558 Members. Loss, 53.

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FLORIDA

80th Annual Convocation

Held at Jacksonville, 18th May, 1926.

Alberta's Representative not present.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. T. T. Todd, granted dispensation to form a new Chapter at Winter Garden. He ruled that an Honorary Member could not hold an appointive office in the Chapter:

"The High Priest of Thomas Brown Chapter in June, 1925, presented a case where a Companion had objected to the advancement of a candidate after a clear ballot had been cast, and asked if the objection would hold and for how long. In answering I referred Companion Hyman to Regulation No. 45, which specifically provides that an objection after election serves the same as a dark ballot and that the fee should be returned."

He refused to allow Chapters to send pennies to a Pennsylvania Companion who was making a collection.

M. E. Comp. Ely P. Hubbell, Chairman of Fraternal Correspondence, devotes nearly three pages of his admirable report to Alberta—our special Convocation of May, 1924, and our Eleventh Annual of 1925.

He is "not quite clear" on our decision in the case of a Companion who withdrew from membership in an Alberta Chapter, lived several years in British Columbia and then applied for re-admission to his former Alberta Chapter. However, Comp. Hubbell, as the Companion has not yet returned to this jurisdiction, we presume he decided to affiliate in the Province in which he has resided for "several years."

We quote his remarks with reference to the troubles between Scotland and the Australasia Grand Chapters:

"The writer of this review does not understand why, if the people of the several Australian states are capable of self-government, politically, they are not equally qualified to manage their Masonic matters?"

"It would seem that the time has now come when the Mother Grand Bodies, be they English, Irish or Scottish, could with perfect safety to all Masonic laws, customs and regulations, not only permit their members, if they so desire, to establish and maintain their own households without intervention, but also encourage them to do so. Canada has done this with signal success, and we believe the Australian Craftsmen are equally well qualified."

50 Chapters. 8,448 Members. Gain, 481.

GEORGIA

104th Annual Convocation

Held at Macon, 28th April, 1926.

Alberta's Representative not present.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests present. The Grand Master of Georgia Masons and the M. Eminent Commander of Knights Templar were presented and given Grand Honors.

M. E. Comp. Wm. A. Sims, Grand High Priest, visited nineteen of his Chapters, and at one of the meetings one hundred and ten candidates received the degrees. Here is something new—"December 29th I attended a *public* installation of officers of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 155. The Companions for several years have held these public meetings. This year they had invited the heads of all the Grand York Rite bodies." (Were they all Royal Arch Masons?) He attended eleven District Conventions.

The G.H.P. censured an over-zealous Companion for publishing in a newspaper the following:

"NOTICE!—Any Mason in good standing within a radius of 10 miles of East Point who desires to take the Royal Arch Degrees, together with the four Council Degrees, all for \$40, may do so by applying to S. N. Thompson, postmaster at East Point, Ga. You may pay \$20 down and balance in 60 days if you so desire. You will get all degrees at East Point Masonic Hall, May 12, but your application must be returned before May 11, in order to be voted on that night. Tell others—a swell dinner for all. Call phone FAirfax 1415, after 7 p.m., or FAirfax 1528 during the day except Sunday."

More than a page of the Foreign Correspondence is devoted to our Anniversary meeting and to our Annual Convocation of 1925. The Correspondent's remarks are kindly and complimentary. Referring to our Foreign Correspondence Report, he says: "The topical form has been abandoned, and fraternal snappiness is now characteristic of the reviews." Many thanks, Comp. McCutchen.

163 Chapters. 18,516 Members. Loss, 399.

IDAHO

17th Annual Convocation

Held at Pocatello, 20th May, 1925.

Alberta's Representative not present.

The Grand High Priest apparently made few visitations to his Chapters as the Committee on "Doings of Grand Officers" state: "It was unfortunate that our Excellent High Priest could not visit the Subordinate Chapters during his administration, owing to the fact that a month of his valuable time had to be spent in attending the General Grand Chapter at Portland, Maine."

He issued a dispensation to institute Keystone Chapter at Nampa, Companion Henry Leimberger conducting the Ceremonies of Institution.

One of the Grand High Priest's dispensations allowed Moscow Chapter to go to Potlatch "to confer degrees on a class of candidates, they having been elected in Moscow Chapter." This is not done in Alberta.

\$500.00 was voted as a contribution to the Triennial Committee of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.

\$140.00, or "so much as may be necessary," was authorized for the purpose of purchasing a suitable jewel to be presented to the retiring Grand High Priest at next Annual Convocation.

24 Chapters. 2,697 Members. Loss, 5.

ILLINOIS

77th Annual Convocation

Held at Chicago, 28th October, 1926.

Alberta represented by M. E. Comp. A. J. Schattgen, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest reported constituting three Chapters which had received Charters at the former Annual Convocation, and issued Dispensations to two new ones. He commended the District Inspectors for their good work. Owing to ill health he had found it impossible to accept many invitations to visit Subordinate Chapters. He had refused to countenance "wrestling bouts and exhibitions of boxing as part of the program of entertainment sponsored by a Royal Arch Chapter."

The Committee on the Grand High Priest's Report, state: "The report of M. E. Grand High Priest for the year now closing shows the same painstaking care and attention to detail in its preparation that has characterized all his acts during the year. He may well be proud of the progress which Capitulary Masonry in Illinois has made under his administration." And further, "We recommend that the thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to our M. E. Grand High Priest Andrew J. Schattgen for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his high office during the past year."

The Committee on Chartered Chapters make the following remarks re Suspensions:

"While we do not desire to offer an apology for apathy or apparent indifference, yet the above schedule would indicate that the increasing list of suspensions is a natural consequence of a certain percentage of members who joined the ranks of our Fraternity in recent years in an effort to enhance their social, political and financial ambitions, rather than with a sincere desire for knowledge and to be of service to their Companions, and having failed to gratify these, they have allowed themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues and not because of their financial inability to pay them. The better class of these will later drift back and be restored to membership, but for the most part the Fraternity is no doubt better off.

"This condition prevails throughout most all other Grand Jurisdictions and in numerous instances an actual loss in membership is shown. Masonry like business, agricultural conditions, and international debts, is slowly and painfully recovering from shell shock but, true to its history for centuries past, will emerge with honors befitting its rank as the premier Fraternity of all time."

The Grand Chaplain, Companion James Omay, addressed the Convocation on "The Spirit of Masonry in the World's Development," and the address was well described as a masterly and eloquent oration." We regret that lack of space prevents its reproduction here.

Our Convocation of 1926 received favorable mention by the Chairman of Committee on Fraternal Relations.

278 Chapters. 90,569 Members. Gain, 1,565.

INDIANA

80th Annual Convocation

Held at Evansville, 21st October, 1925.

Alberta's Representative, Comp. Robt. M. H. Britton, present.

Many prominent and distinguished visitors attended as well as Representatives from 114 of the 121 Chartered Chapters.

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Lawrence V. Mays commences his address with a confession: "I want you all to know that I accepted this

office of Grand High Priest with open arms and with as much delight and enthusiasm as a schoolboy." However, he carried out his duties as an "expert craftsman" and received the commendations of his Companions. A Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented to him.

Our old friend "The Moon Schedule" received another blow, being "ancient and obsolete."

A resolution "To prohibit Chapters from using the Lodge rooms or permitting the same to be used for other than Masonic purposes" was laid over till next Convocation.

Alberta for 1924 and 1925 receives favorable comment in the Annual Capitular Review by Comp. Robt. A. Woods, Chairman.

123 Chapters. 33,361 Members. Gain, 342.

INDIANA

81st Annual Convocation

Held at Elkhart, 20th October, 1926.

Alberta represented by M. E. Comp. Robt. M. H. Britton, P.G.H.P.

Many distinguished visitors were present.

M. E. Comp. Karl F. Bosworth, Grand High Priest, issued dispensations during his term of office to two new Chapters, and the Grand Lecturer, as his special deputy, constituted and dedicated two others, viz: Indiana Harbor Chapter, No. 159, at Indiana Harbor, and Veritas Chapter, No. 160, at Indianapolis. He made seven visitations to his subordinate Chapters.

A "Condensed History, Grand Chapter of Indiana," compiled by Grand Secretary R. F. Comp. Robt. A. Woods, gives a short history of each Chapter in the Jurisdiction. A splendid idea that might well be imitated by Alberta.

Comp. Woods is also the reviewer of the "Annual Capitular Review." He gives two pages to "Alberta" and calls attention to the misuse of special dispensation to change time of stated convocations. His review, though critical, is kindly.

123 Chapters. 33,418 Members. Gain, 57.

IOWA

73rd Annual Convocation

Held at Dubuque, 14th October, 1926.

Alberta not represented.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Arthur D. Meeker, reporting loss in membership, remarks:—

"The suspensions for non-payment of dues seems to be the keystone of our loss. I am satisfied there are other reasons for this condition than a shortage of money. Just as a tree must be pruned to bear good fruit, so must the 'dead wood' be cut from our Chapter rolls, and postponing the job only makes the final pruning more severe. I am hopeful, however, that the year 1926 will show some increase and the feeling among the subordinate Chapters seems to warrant that belief.

"Most of the Chapters have done good during the year and a few of them have done little or nothing. The custodians think that a Chapter that is not doing work most of the time is not much good and probably ought to have the charter taken away. This is a natural thought for the custodians because that is their business, to teach the ritual. I do not concur in the idea that subordinate Chapters are merely a mill to provide new Royal Arch

Masons to rehearse the ritual. A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons should be regarded as a place of meeting or home for the Companions, and while new members are desirable, and that work should be encouraged, no Chapter should be deprived of its home because it does not produce new members each year.

"What we should strive for is quality and not quantity. We should rehearse the great principles we have espoused among ourselves and learn to practise them more and more instead of less and less. Let us not be too exacting with inactive Chapters, they are composed, in most cases, of good Royal Arch Masons—just as good as you and I, but for some reason are not able to muster the necessary enthusiasm to keep up with the procession.

"It is the business of this Grand Chapter to find the trouble in these Chapters and help overcome it, instead of killing the goose that lays the golden eggs."

He censured a Chapter for offering "A prize to obtain candidates."

The work of the G.H.P. for the year appears to have been performed in an able and practical manner. Comp. C. C. Hunt has this to say of it:—

"Our Most Excellent King Solomon once said, 'Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall,' but a greater than he gave utterance to a more pertinent truth when he said, 'Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. Where will you find a man that is Meeker than our present Grand High Priest or one in whom this promise has been more literally fulfilled?

"He says that in submitting to you the report of his stewardship he does so in a spirit of humility realizing as he does the responsibilities of his high office with its opportunities for service. How well he has met these responsibilities the report itself sets forth better than any words of ours can do. Our Grand High Priest has indeed been zealous in the discharge of his duties and earnest in promoting the welfare of this Grand Body."

The Chairman of the Report on Correspondence quotes freely from M. E. Comp. Middleton's address of 1926, and his review of Alberta fills more than a page of closely printed matter.

127 Chapters. 23,727 Members. Loss, 133.

KANSAS

61st Annual Convocation

Held at Topeka, 22nd February, 1926.

Alberta's Representative, Comp. La Velle C. Hicks, Grand Lecturer, was present.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Ben S. Pauen, was short and to the point. His style is impressive, as this will show:

"In all business organizations the net gain or net loss is measured by money. We take our annual inventory and the trial balance shows a financial loss or gain. In Masonry when we take our annual inventory the financial portion should of necessity not be overlooked, but the one great test of our institution is not of monetary value; we must justify our existence in a different way and show to the profane that we practice outside our temples the truths taught therein; that our lives are patterned after the Deliverer of mankind; that the world is better because of our existence and that we have been good citizens in the broadest sense, willing to give the best we have for the betterment of God's children, and do all in our power to make the place we call home the best governed community in the world. The most important question for each of us to settle in our own minds is whether

or not we as individuals have made the most of our opportunities. Have we been a friend and companion to man? Have we neglected or failed to assist the worthy, and can it be truthfully said to us, 'Well done—your devotion to truth and your desire to bring happiness to your brethren and companions have been honest and sincere.'

And this: --

"It is always easy to record the year's transactions, whether or not the result is satisfactory very often depends on the view point of the individual. To live each day as our Master would have us live; to devote our strength and our energy in assisting those less fortunate; to spread friendship to the whole human family; to regard every man as our brother and to do everything in our power to bring about Good Will to all mankind, should be our constant endeavor."

The G. H. P. is Governor of the State of Kansas.

Judging from his report to Grand Chapter, the Grand Lecturer is evidently a hard-working and efficient officer. We congratulate our Representative on his zeal and good work.

Here is a quotation from the introductory remarks of Comp. Albert K. Wilson, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence: -

"In a number of jurisdictions efforts are being put forth to follow in the footsteps of a convention held in a public hall in Kansas City three years ago, at which time the degrees of Past Master and Most Excellent Master were conferred on more than one thousand candidates, in the presence of several thousand Royal Arch Masons. The candidates on this occasion were brought 'from the four corners,' regardless of jurisdictional lines. The Work was done by officers in glittering robes, supported by magnificent dramatic effects, and under the rays of the most modern lighting system. No doubt it was a beautiful spectacle and for the time being was impressive. However, we venture to raise the question whether this ceremony made as deep and lasting an impression upon the minds of the brethren as it would have done had these degrees been conferred in a lodge room, in a quiet, dignified and impressive manner. It would seem the only excuse for such gatherings is getting rid of the candidates by the line of least resistance, or, in other words, a lazy man's way of making Masons."

He calls attention to the absence of the Kansas Representative near Alberta from the Convocation of 1924 and 1925.

In three closely printed pages he ably reviews our Special of May, 1924, and our Annual of 1925, giving particular attention to the splendid address of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor on "The History of this Grand Chapter." His remarks are uniformly, pleasing and fraternal.

He concludes his report with a statistical table showing the membership of Grand Chapters throughout the world—a total membership of 1,015,937, in 12315 Chapters.

96 Chapters. 21,723 Members. Gain, 367.

KENTUCKY

108th Annual Convocation

Held at Louisville, 20th October, 1925

Ex. Comp. Samuel K. Veach represented Alberta.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. W. R. Johnston, reported that, "The year just closing has been a successful one in Capitular ranks. Take it all in all, Royal Arch Masonry in Kentucky to-day stands upon a higher plane, is a greater influence, has finer capacity, and points in the direction

of more splendid achievements than ever before, all of which redound to the honor of the Royal Craft."

He was strongly opposed to "electioneering" for office in Grand Chapter, and he also took a shot at our old enemy the "Moon Schedule."

Although he could "see no objection" to a public installation, he refused a dispensation for one.

His address throughout was a very businesslike report of his activities.

The Correspondence Report is from the hands of Comp. William W. Clarke. Alberta for 1924 receives a page of kindly attention.

131 Chapters. 20,546 Members. Gain, 258.

LOUISIANA

79th Annual Convocation

Held at New Orleans, 2nd February, 1926.

Alberta was honored in having The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comps Leon S. Haas, as her representative.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest is one of the most clear-cut and practical Masonic reports we have read. He made a number of decisions, some of which we quote for the information of our Alberta Companions:—

Question—Where the M. E. Chapter of Louisiana granted a charter to Phoenician Chapter No. 87, on February 4th, 1925, what portion of dues to a sister Chapter are its members liable for?

Answer—That the time of the delivery of the charter and the constitution of the new Chapter has no bearing on the question, the delivery of a charter being entirely a matter of convenience to be arranged by the M. E. Grand High Priest and the new Chapter. It has been the established custom in this Grand Jurisdiction and it may be said to be common usage, that the companions who signed the charter for a new Chapter, owe dues to the Chapter of their previous membership only to the end of the year in which the dispensation is given and become Charter Members of the new Chapter by having signed the application for the charter. If dispensation is granted or continued the membership still owe dues to the old Chapter, but if charter is granted they owe no dues to old Chapter, and the secretary of the new Chapter should within reasonable time notify the Chapters from which they have drawn members of that fact, and the Chapter of their previous membership clears their roll simply by reporting such companions as Charter Members of the new Chapter in the returns made to the Grand Chapter at the end of the year in which the new Chapter is chartered. There is no definite law written into the Regulations of the Grand Chapter on this matter. Phoenician Chapter No. 87, owes no dues to any Chapter from which they have drawn Charter Members. If any of the Companions owe dues to the Chapter of their previous membership prior to the year 1925, it is an individual matter, and the payment should be made directly to the Parent Chapter. Of course the same method of collection could be pursued even to the suspension for non-payment."

Question—(a) Can a Companion refuse visitation to a Past or Present High Priest of another Chapter in this State? (b) Can the High Priest who was objected to demand the name of the objector? (c) Can the objector make a permanent objection, or only at each convocation when both are present?

“Answer—(a) A Mason has not the inherent right of visitation. This is a courtesy extended to the visitor by the High Priest and the Chapter and may be refused if the High Priest and the Companions see proper to do so. It is the duty of the High Priest to prevent any visitor from entering the Chapter whose presence would cause dissension or difficulties therein, or in any manner disturb the harmony of the Chapter, or particularly, if any member of the Chapter should object to the admission of such visitor. The right of objecting to the entrance of a visitor should not be lightly exercised nor without sufficient cause, but the Companion objecting is the proper judge of this, and the matter is between him and his conscience. Therefore the High Priest or any Companion who is a member of the Chapter can object to the visitation of a Companion R. A. M., from another Chapter and this, regardless of the fact of whether he is a Past or Present High Priest. (b) A Companion visitor cannot demand the name of the member of a Chapter who objects to him as a visitor. (c) The Companion who objects to a visitor cannot make a permanent objection, but may at each convocation when both are present renew his objection.”

“Question—Should an objection be written or verbal in order to be made permanent against a visiting Companion, or how long can such an objection be effective against a visitor?”

“Answer—A Companion Royal Arch Mason has the right to object to any visitor of the Chapter whose presence would cause dissension or in any manner disturb the harmony of the Chapter. The objection can be made in writing or orally, but should be wisely exercised. An objection cannot be made permanent as to a visitor, but should extend from one meeting to another. The proper course would be to prefer charges.”

Self-Control and Obedience to Constituted Authority

“Now that my labors are about over and I will soon return the gavel of authority into your hands, there are some lessons which I would like to impress upon your mind, and that is ‘The Lesson of Self-Control and Obedience to Constituted Authority.’ It is certainly unseemly for a Mason to aspire to the higher degrees in the Order until he has thoroughly mastered the work, in letter and spirit in the degree he has reached. It is as absurd as any novice in any branch of industry, any activity whether of mind or body, seeking leadership before learning to follow; ambition to construct before learning the technique of the builder. We see its disastrous effect in Soviet Russia to-day with the slow but inevitable swing back of the pendulum to sanity. A Mason who fails in his loyalty to recognized authority is a Mason in name only, hence every Mason, so called, who condones any breaking of the law, even though the law may be personally obnoxious to him, is derelict in his duty and should mend his ways or quit the Order. Masons therefore must uphold the law of the land. Not merely by a passive non-resistance, but by a vigorous, militant support by word and deed.

“There is another pregnant truth which all Companion Royal Arch Masons should strive to do and that is ‘IN ASSISTING IN FINDING THE LOST WORD AND ITS FULL INTERPRETATION AND UNDERSTANDING.’ We must practise service and self-sacrifice, that Royal Arch Masonry should not be viewed as a mere stepping-stone to the Commandery, but as an opportunity for service, that higher honors can come to no man than the appreciation of its objects and purposes and their translations into some active unselfish, self-sacrificing service even to the point of hurting.”

In the “Report on Foreign Correspondence,” our Tenth Anniversary and our Annual of 1925 are fraternally reviewed by the Chairman, Comp. John A. Davilla.

59 Chapters. 9,350 Members. Gain, 210.

MAINE

101st Annual Convocation

Held at Portland, 4th May, 1926.

Comp. W. Scott Shorey represented Alberta.

M. E. Comp. George H. Bangs, Grand High Priest, reported that "Continued progress is apparent throughout the State, and, from reports of visiting officials, it would seem as if improvement in manner of ritualistic rendition, dignified floor-work and correct and safe equipment has been carried out and adopted by a large number of the Chapters."

He delivered Charters to Chapters at Waldoboro and South Portland.

Dispensations were issued to institute Chapters at Portland and New Gloucester.

The Charter of the Castine Chapter was recalled and the Chapter discontinued.

M. E. Comp. Thos. H. Bodge is Chairman of the "Report on Correspondence." He gives Alberta a page and a half, reviewing our Special of 1924 and Annual of 1925.

69 Chapters. 17,731 Members. Gain, 333.

MANITOBA

3rd Annual Convocation

Held at Winnipeg, 3rd February, 1926.

M. E. Comp. Fred M. Newman, Alberta's Representative, present.

The Grand Z., M. E. Comp. William G. Fraser, visited all the Chapters in his jurisdiction.

His address, though short, described well his work during the year.

A Dispensation was issued to form a Chapter at Holland.

The Committee on Address of the Grand Z. completes its report with this reference to their Chief: "Your Committee is of the opinion that the M. Ex. Grand First Principal need entertain no doubt as to the efficient manner in which he discharged his duties. This Grand Body chose wisely when they elected him; his work has been for the good of the Royal Craft, and he has proved to be a worthy follower of those who preceded him in that important office."

M. E. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, Past Grand High Priest of North Dakota, a distinguished visitor, delivered an eloquent address.

Comp. John Parton is Chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence, and in his report our Annual of 1925 is well reviewed.

15 Chapters. 1,645 Members. Gain, 35.

MARYLAND

128th Annual Convocation

Held at Baltimore, 8th December, 1925.

Alberta was represented by Comp. Harry O. Perry.

"Maryland," under the leadership of M. E. Comp. Charles P. Morningstar, Grand High Priest, is one of the hardest reports that we have attempted to review. Our remarks, however, would be entirely complimentary. The work of the year from every standpoint was exceedingly satisfactory and can be summed up in these words of the G.H.P.: "The condition of the

Capitular Craft in Maryland is so harmonious that the duties involved upon us have not been burdensome and the year has passed both quickly and pleasantly."

He was called upon to give no decisions and there were no grievances to be judged. Maryland is to be congratulated on such a happy state of affairs.

Comp. Rev. Henry Branch, D.D., is Chairman of the Report on Correspondence. His review of Alberta, a page of close print, covers our Tenth Anniversary and 1925 Proceedings.

27 Chapters. 9,716 Members. Gain, 222.

MASSACHUSETTS

Quarterly Convocations of March, June and September and the 127th Annual Convocation

Held at Boston, Mass., 8th December, 1925.

Alberta's Representative, R. E. Comp. Robt. W. Oliver, present at all but the September quarterly.

Distinguished guests to the number of twenty-nine, were present from the Grand Chapters of Quebec, New Jersey, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York and Pennsylvania.

M. E. Comp. Harry G. Pollard, Grand High Priest, reported: No trace of discord has darkened our horizon during the past year and no contention has arisen save that noble rivalry which leads each Companion to labor for the good of our beloved Rite."

The "Capitular Review" is written by M. E. Comp. Frederick T. Comtee. More than a page is given to "Alberta." Referring to our Tenth Anniversary, he says: "The Convocation must have been a pleasurable occasion, and one that will long remain in the memory of every Companion who had the good fortune to be present."

96 Chapters. 41,518 Members. Gain, 791.

MICHIGAN

78th Annual Convocation

Held at Lansing, 19th May, 1926.

Comp. Charles W. Mixer, represented "Alberta."

Many distinguished visitors were present.

Grand High Priest Harry L. Izor, constituted two Chapters—Belding, No. 177 and Composite, No. 178.

He issued a circular letter to the Chapters prohibiting r-r's and horseplay, and refused to allow Lawrence Chapter No. 95 to hold a special Convocation at Decatur, for the purpose of conferring degrees.

He ordered the election of an "Honorary Past High Priest" set aside:—

"The election of a Companion as an Honorary Past High Priest is not a power delegated to a constituent Chapter. It would have a tendency to cheapen the office of High Priest and establish a very bad precedent."

Considerable space is given to the DeMolay movement, which is evidently a great success in Michigan.

He made many visits to his Chapters. "It has been my extreme pleasure to have visited at some time or other in the past seven years practically every Chapter in the State, either direct or indirect."

The Charter of Holly Chapter No. 80 was arrested for "Insubordination on the part of its officers in failure to comply with requests or communications written by the Grand High Priest, etc."

Comp. Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary, continues his "History of the Origin and Development of the Royal Arch Degree" as an appendix to the Proceedings. His former writings have been of great value to the Royal Arch student, and this one is a fitting climax to his splendid efforts.

169 Chapters. 46,799 Members. Gain, 989.

MINNESOTA

64th Annual Convocation

Held at Saint Paul, 13th October, 1925.

R. E. Comp. Frank H. McCuskey representing "Alberta."

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. E. G. H. Adams, in his address reported the constituting of Chapters at Hector and Minneapolis.

He rightly refused to permit "outsiders" to address Grand Chapter:

"On March 18, 1925, Mr. Howard Braucher, Secretary of the Playground and Recreation Association of America, and on August 31, 1925, Mr. Edward Flynn, Assistant to the Vice-President of the Great Northern Railway Company, wanted to, and asked for time to address this Grand Chapter some time during this day's session, the latter's subject 'Rotary International,' he being a member of the Business Methods Committee, promising some interesting points of view if given the opportunity.

"I felt that I did not care to assign a place on to-day's program to a representative of the Great Northern or any other railway, or to a representative of any other association either for pleasure or business. I trust this meets with the approval of the members of the Grand Chapter here assembled."

The "Foreign Correspondence" is from the pen of Comp. Charles S. Schurman. He fraternally reviews our Convocations of March and May (Special), 1924, and March, 1925, giving four pages of kindly comment.

We quote his observations on "Scotland": "The breach between the Grand Chapter of Scotland and the General Grand Chapter has also been settled. It does not look as if the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of old Scotia had entirely reformed. We noted in its Proceedings that several dispensations for new Chapters in New South Wales had recently been granted notwithstanding that the Grand Chapter of that country has been occupying the field for a good many years. This attitude of Scotland seems to be the only discordant note in the harmony of the several grand jurisdictions from which we have received reports. It looks as if the 'Bonnie Lassie' would have to be called to time again before she will really recognize the rights of others. I confess not to understand the course she is pursuing, which can only result in stirring up trouble."

87 Chapters. 16,839 Members. Gain, 317.

MINNESOTA

65th Annual Convocation

Held at Saint Paul, 12th October, 1926.

M. E. Comp. Frank H. McCuskey, Grand High Priest, representing "Alberta."

The address of the Grand High Priest is a practical and businesslike report of an industrious officer. He constituted one Chapter at Robbinsdale,

made many visitations to his constituent Chapters, and altogether had a most successful year.

His decisions and rulings were all according to good Masonic practice. Here are two:

*“Question—*Can a Chapter by a majority vote donate funds of the Chapter to a school girl who has won a prize which includes free transportation and expenses to a certain exposition? This money was intended as a gift in recognition of her accomplishment.

*“Answer—*No. A very dangerous precedent would be established with no ending. Where would you draw the line?

“I received a request from a representative of the Great Northern Railway for permission to address this meeting upon a railroad subject and its connection with other business and economic conditions. An offer was also made to furnish vocal soloists, male or a ladies’ quartette, and violinists to entertain this meeting. I replied that the talks and entertainments no doubt would be interesting and entertaining but they could be regarded only in the nature of business advertising which could not be permitted at any of our meetings.”

The minimum dues of Chapters were fixed at two dollars per annum.

In the “Report of Foreign Correspondence,” Alberta is favorably reviewed, nearly two pages being devoted to our Convocation of 1926.

88 Chapters. 17,040 Members. Gain, 239.

MISSISSIPPI

78th Annual Convocation

Held in Meridian, 24th February, 1926.

Comp. Thomas E. Moody represented “Alberta.”

Grand High Priest Frank F. Rankin speaks thus of his work:

“My work has been easy. To use the trite expression—peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, and there are now no clouds upon the horizon to threaten our tranquility or to menace our freedom of thought and speech. Our hearts should abound with gratitude for these and numerous other blessings.”

He granted a dispensation to ballot out of time on a candidate—“a young naval officer at home on furlough prior to leaving on a long cruise, etc.”

Refused to allow a Chapter to confer degrees on Sunday evening.

“Since the boys of to-day are the men of to-morrow, we should not neglect any opportunity of cultivating their young minds and giving them a broader vision of the work which is soon to fall upon their shoulders. We all expect and desire our boys to become Masons when they arrive at manhood, and to the end that they may be interested and prepared to embark upon a real Masonic career I recommend that this Grand Chapter consider sponsoring the DeMolays.”

Grand Chapter concurred in this recommendation:

The following resolution (by Companion Arthur G. Villee) was adopted:

“Resolved: That whereas, it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that the office of Grand Representative of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is not an empty honor, but one of responsibility and opportunity for service, therefore, be it

“Resolved: That a Grand Representative absent from the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter for two consecutive meetings thereof without

good cause therefor shall be relieved therefrom and the office declared vacant and the Grand High Priest shall promptly fill such vacancy so caused."

Alberta's Tenth Anniversary and the Annual Convocation of 1925 are reviewed by Comp. George C. Myers, Reporter on Foreign Correspondence, who remarks on our progress:

"We congratulate the members of the Grand Chapter on the progress that has been made in the decade since it was constituted; they have been faithful workers in the Royal Arch Vineyard and are entitled to their wages."

70 Chapters. 7,683 Members. Loss, 46.

MISSOURI

80th Annual Convocation

Held at Kirksville, 27th April, 1926.

Alberta not represented.

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. O. H. Swearingen early in his address to Grand Chapter said: "The net gain is very small because the Chapters generally weeded out their dead timber by suspending the drones, and I approve of their action. We will not be known or observed because of numbers, but rather for the character of our men and the lives we live."

He refused to sanction a Sunday Baseball game in which the "Royal Arch Team of St. Louis" was one of the teams.

"A Tempest in a Teapot"

In the interest of the health of the Grand Secretary and "for the best interests of the fraternity generally" the G.H.P. authorized the Grand Secretary to move his office from St. Louis to his old home at Trenton. Letters of protest from interested Masons of St. Louis were sent out to Chapters, Councils and Commanderies of St. Louis "for their consideration." The G.H.P. was not bluffed by this action, but at once called a meeting of his officers, who gave him their unqualified support in the matter. On September 16th several Royal Arch Companions, Officers of St. Louis Chapters, applied to the "Circuit Court of St. Louis" for and obtained a temporary restraining order to prevent the Grand Secretary from removing the property and effects from St. Louis to any other place. The Jurisprudence Committee considered the matter carefully and confirmed the action of the G.H.P. and the report was approved by Grand Chapter. The concluding paragraph of the Committee's report is worthy of reproduction:

"Your Committee have made this report on this question with knowledge of the injunction suit pending in St. Louis. Our position is that we are dealing with Grand Chapter law and that the question involved is purely a fraternal one in all its aspects and not one for the Civil Courts."

We have not heard the result of the injunction suit and probably the matter is not any business of ours, but here's hoping that the action of the Companions who placed the matter in the Civil Courts will not succeed.

M.E. Comp. David M. Wilson, P.G.H.P., is Chairman of Fraternal Correspondence. He pleasantly reviews our Tenth Anniversary Meeting and our Annual Convocation of 1925.

113 Chapters. 35,776 Members. Gain, 70.

MONTANA

35th Annual Convocation

Held at Great Falls, 19th August, 1924.

Our old friend and M. E. Comp., David Craig, represented "Alberta."

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Donald S. MacLeod had an agreeable and successful year. He made many visitations and only one decision, this being approved by Grand Chapter:

"A peculiar case arose at the regular election of officers in one of our subordinate Chapters.

"A Companion was elected High Priest and it was later discovered that his dimit had never been filed under his petition for affiliation some three years previous.

"Under our regulations, an elected candidate for affiliation has ninety days in which to file a dimit, but in some manner the dimit had not been issued by the Chapter of his former membership.

"After consultation with some of our Jurisprudence Committee it was held that the matter could be remedied by having his former Chapter issue a dimit at this time, dating it back. It was pointed out that the original Chapter could either date the dimit at the time when the Companion stated that he applied for it, or date it now and mark it "*Nunc pro tunc*." This would complete the membership in the new Chapter in a manner to straighten out his election three years before and thus enable him to be eligible to the office to which he was chosen."

The "Committee on Apportionment" concludes their Report with a eulogy of the Grand High Priest:—

"That all other matters and official acts reported on by the Grand High Priest be approved in their entirety.

"Most Excellent Companion MacLeod, sturdy, rugged and hearty, a typical 'Hieland man frae the land of the heather,' with the thistle symbolically blossoming over your entire being, with the bluff and hale manner carrying your earlier training as a sailor, without pretensions to brilliancy or extraordinary ability, you have given to the Royal Craft of Montana something that is greater than mere words; you have given to your labors that priceless treasure possessed by you as a human being, your heart, and the service so rendered is immeasurable in its worth to inspire the craft with unselfish devotion in its service of a pure and contrite heart to the Great I Am. Physical ailments have not deterred you in performing to the fullest your allotted task in our Capitular Vineyard. May your years of usefulness among us be many, many more."

Montana has an Educational Fund of \$5,000.

The Report on Correspondence, prepared by Comp. H. S. Hepner, reviews our 1923 Convocation.

36 Chapters. 4,945 Members.

36th Annual Convocation

Held at Missoula, 18th August, 1925.

Comp. David Craig at his post representing "Alberta."

Grand High Priest H. S. Hepner in a scholarly address records his year's work. He says: "Though the year's labors may show a decrease in number of our membership we feel assured that Capitular Masonry has not taken a step backward but forward toward its true goal of strengthening and adorning the Royal Arch, and the removal of weaknesses in the structure."

He pays this tribute to our late Comp. Cornelius Hedges, Jr., for many years Grand Secretary:

"Year after year we mourn the visitations of the Angel of Death and his gathering the toll of the 'ransomed dead.'

"Untold heartaches has his activity caused to the living and we of Capitular Masonry of Montana were not to be exempted this year from the levy of his heavy hand.

"A shining 'mark' in our midst attracted him; it was the mark of a true Craftsman who had labored in the quarries for nearly thirty years and had ever presented good work, true work, square work,—and who never held out his hand to receive wages which were not his due.

"All Masonry mourns the loss of Cornelius Hedges, Jr., our loved and lovable Grand Secretary, who is the Craftsman so taken from us."

A service in memory of Comp. Hedges was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Missoula on August 19th.

Companion McCoy, a Mason of 66 years, a Royal Arch Mason of 40 years, was presented at the Altar and greeted by the Companions.

Alberta for 1925 is fraternally reviewed by the Committee on Correspondence; M. E. Comp. H. S. Hepner, Chairman.

36 Chapters. 4,857 Members. Loss, 88.

NEBRASKA

59th Annual Convocation

Held at Omaha, 16th December, 1925.

Alberta's Representative not present.

Grand Chapter was welcomed to Omaha by Comp. Dudley, representing the four city Chapters.

Many distinguished visitors were present.

A feature of the opening ceremonies was the reception of Past Grand High Priests. The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. George N. R. Browne, appropriately welcomed them, his address being replied to by the Grand Secretary, M. E. Comp. Francis E. White (who has a record of having attended fifty-two annual Convocations), whose speech was so good that we quote it in full:

"Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

"Replying to your address of welcome, permit me to say that as I look down the line of these distinguished Companions, I believe that you have them properly designated, 'Grand Old Patriarchs.' Some of the others, myself among them, expect some day to reach this class, and also be Grand Old Patriarchs, but Most Excellent Sir, we are in no haste to reach that distinction.

"Forty-six years ago you were not presiding over this Grand Body. A young man, less than 32 years of age, had that distinguished honor. During the time he was Grand High Priest he issued the dispensation for the Royal Arch Chapter of which you are an honored member. On December 17th, 1878, he became Grand High Priest. On that date there were seventeen chartered Chapters in the state, and two under dispensation, and on October 31st of that year the returns showed a membership of 790.

"On behalf of the Grand Old Patriarchs and the rest of us, Most Excellent Companion, I thank you most heartily for your kindly greeting and

good wishes for our future, and express the hope that all of the good wishes extended to us may continue to come, and at the close of this session, when you have become one of us, you, too, will receive a full measure of the good things that you so kindly wish for us.

"The position of Grand High Priest is one of dignity, responsibility, and power. All of those who are selected for this high station do not enter it with the same feelings. Some of us have realized our want of ability and experience to do all that we would like to do; others have not felt that way, but in either case, when the Grand Marshal has made the proclamation, the installed officer takes up his duties, and seeks to gather wisdom and experience where they may be found—reading the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, and consulting with predecessors, has helped to carry a doubting presiding officer to a correct conclusion on many subjects he has to solve. The position requires some time, much study and deliberation. Every Companion exalted to the high station of Grand High Priest desires to transfer to his successor the affairs of the Grand Chapter in as good, harmonious, and prosperous a condition, or a little better, than it was when he received it, and this is an incentive for him to strive to meet the expectations of the Companions who have so honored him, and as a general rule they have succeeded. We might ask, what is the recompense for the time given and the services rendered? The answer, I believe, must be—benefits received are far more than they have cost, either in time or service rendered. To mention just a few—the opportunity to associate with prominent Royal Arch Masons of the state, including his associate officers of the Grand Chapter and the officers of the constituent Chapters, and to know that he has their cordial and hearty support gives him confidence in his own ability and strengthens him in his endeavors to do all that should be done for the good of the Royal Craft. By virtue of his office he becomes a member of the Grand Chapter and of the General Grand Chapter of the United States for life or good behavior, a member of the Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Chapter; and in addition to these, he enjoys from many of those with whom he associates their respect and esteem.

"Speaking for myself, permit me to say that for forty-six years I have been receiving annually more than I was entitled to for the little service I rendered while serving as Grand High Priest from December 17th, 1878, to December 17th, 1879. I feel now and shall always feel grateful for the honors I have received from the members of the Grand Body; they have meant more to me than I can express, and this gratitude will remain until the curtain is rung down on this life for me."

The "Annual Dinner" must have been an outstanding success from the entertainment provided and Comp. James T. Begley's masterly address on "Square Work." Unfortunately we cannot reproduce here this wonderful delineation of the lessons taught in the Capitular degrees.

The Grand High Priest visited twenty-five of the fifty-four Chapters, with the laudable idea of "creating new interest in Capitular Masonry."

He granted a dispensation to form a Chapter at Seward. This Chapter had done such good work since its institution that Grand Chapter granted a Charter as Leese Chapter, No. 62.

He arrested the Charter of King Darius Chapter, No. 36, on account of the Chapter's "deplorable condition"—"The general conditions, together with the mental attitude of the High Priest, and the unsanitary condition of the Chapter room, were such that it was thought best to arrest the Charter, subject to the action of Grand Chapter." Grand Chapter approved.

Nebraska does not publish a "Correspondence Report," but we have expectations that it will do so in the near future.

55 Chapters. 8,322 Members. Gain, 94.

NEVADA

53rd Annual Convocation

Held at Reno, 8th June, 1926.

Alberta not represented.

Grand Secretary Vanderleith was unable to be present on account of illness.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. C. E. Whitesides, states: "I found the Chapters generally lacking in interest. This condition has existed in Capitular Masonry in this state for several years past." He is of the opinion that this regrettable state of affairs is due to the attempt to force the adoption of the General Grand Chapter work, in the name of uniformity, and "uniformity in this Jurisdiction was conspicuous by its absence."

Alberta for 1925 is fraternally reviewed by Comp. Vanderleith in a manner kindly and complimentary to our Jurisdiction.

Comp. Vanderleith, we regret to say, died on December 2nd, 1926.

9 Chapters. 655 Members. Gain, 10.

NEW BRUNSWICK

38th Annual Convocation

Held at Saint John, 26th August, 1925.

Alberta's representative absent.

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. William H. Smith reported that he was not called upon for any official decisions. His address contained little of interest to Companions outside his own Jurisdiction.

No correspondence report.

10 Chapters. 1,596 Members. Gain, 47.

NEW BRUNSWICK

39th Annual Convocation

Held at Saint John, 25th August, 1926.

Alberta again not represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is probably the shortest on record, covering less than three pages. He made four visits during his year.

The only matter of outside interest was the question of whether Chapters instituted previous to the erection of Grand Chapter should receive new Charters or have the old ones suitably endorsed. We print the report of the Committee:

"As to Chapter Warrants. On referring to the earlier Proceedings of Grand Chapter the Committee has found that full consideration was given by Grand Chapter to this question of Warrants.

"In 1891, it was ordered: 'That the Grand Secretary be authorized to call in the warrants of constitution under which the several Subordinate Chapters were working at the time of the erection of this Grand Chapter, and

that the authorization of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick be affixed thereto, under the direction of the executive committee; and that upon the return of these warrants to the Chapters, with such authorization thereon, the several Chapters do transmit to the Grand Secretary the Interim Warrants issued in accordance with the resolution of Grand Chapter, adopted on the 22nd day of March, 1887.'

"In the following year, 1892, the Grand Secretary reported as follows: 'During the year, by direction of the Executive Committee, the warrants of all Subordinate Chapters in the province, under which they were working at the time of the erection of this Grand Chapter, were sent to this office, and the proper authorization of this Grand Chapter for the continuance of the work under these warrants was affixed to each one, and the warrants returned to the several Chapters. The 'interim warrants,' by which the Chapters were authorized to continue work after the erection of Grand Chapter, were returned to this office by the Subordinate Chapters on receipt of the original warrants containing the authorization of this Grand Chapter.'

"In 1898, the then Grand High Priest, M. E. John V. Ellis, in his address to Grand Chapter, reviewed the whole matter and his opinion is well worthy of being repeated in this year's Proceedings:

"Some question has been raised as to whether or not warrants should be issued to the Chapters which, in 1887, united in the formation of Grand Chapter. For my own part, I regard this matter as definitely and finally settled. At our first session, on motion of Companion Alfred F. Street, seconded by Companion Samuel McKean, it was unanimously resolved, 'That until the granting of new Charters, or the endorsement of the present Charters, the M. E. First Grand Principal be empowered, under his sign manual, to grant authority to every Subordinate Chapter in this province authorizing it to continue its work, and under existing bye-laws, so far as possible, making returns to this Grand Chapter.'

"At the session of 1888 the Grand Scribe E. reported that 'Interim warrants authorizing the continuance of the work were duly transmitted to each of the subordinate Chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter.'

"At the session of 1892 the Grand Secretary, in his report, stated that 'During the year, by direction of the Executive Committee, the warrants of all Subordinate Chapters in the province, under which they were working at the time of the erection of this Grand Chapter, were sent to this office, and the proper authorization of this Grand Chapter for the continuance of the work under these warrants were affixed to each one and the warrants returned to the several Chapters.'

"He also reported that the interim warrants had been returned to him. When the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was formed the subordinate Lodges all surrendered their warrants to the mother Grand Lodges and took out warrants from the new Grand Lodge; but the regularity and wisdom of this proceeding was questioned by some Masonic friends, and the point was raised whether or not there was a time when the Lodges were really out of existence. A more practical question was as to the necessity of Lodges which gave existence to a Grand Lodge taking from it again powers which they already possessed by virtue of their original Constitution. There was no very serious difficulty even here, and the course which was adopted, of issuing warrants of confirmation and continuance, although expensive, was satisfactory. When a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was formed in the province by those Councils which derived their warrants from the Grand Council of the State of Maine, no new Charters were taken out, the new Grand Council merely fixing its authorization to the existing warrants. This Grand Chapter followed the same course. When it was formed it left it open to itself to either issue new warrants or to authorize and affirm the old ones. It, through its Executive Committee and by its officers, has

affirmed and continued the existing warrants, and thus has disposed of the matter. In my own judgment there is no particular virtue in the mere warrant. The life is in the body which the warrant has called into existence, and the powers conveyed remain, even though the warrant itself should be lost or destroyed, so long as the governing body does not revoke those powers.

"The Executive Committee considers that the matter can well rest as it is, but if by any chance an original warrant has not been endorsed, it should be sent in to the Grand Secretary so that the required endorsement may be made."

10 Chapters. 1,620 Members. Gain, 22.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

106th Annual Convocation

Held at Concord, 19th May, 1925.

Alberta not represented.

Distinguished visitors from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania and the Grand Master of New Hampshire and General Grand Priest of the U.S. were present.

Grand High Priest Eugene P. Hadley had a busy year of office, and the Chapters seem to have been happy and prosperous. He was not called upon for any "special legislation."

Alberta, 1924, gets brief notice in the Correspondence Report.

26 Chapters. 5,886 Members. Gain, 42.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

107th Annual Convocation

Held at Concord, 18th May, 1926.

Alberta again not represented.

Distinguished visitors from New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware, Rhode Island, New York, and Massachusetts were present.

M. E. Comp. Thomas F. Clifford, Grand High Priest, apparently had a pleasant term of office, his only worry the question of rituals. Evidently New Hampshire is not in favor of lavishly handing out rituals. Each Chapter is allowed one book and Grand Chapter went on record "That we are opposed to any printed ritual." There will be no secret work found in street cars or in restaurants in New Hampshire.

Alberta for 1925 is fraternally reviewed by Comp. Chas. B. Spofford.

26 Chapters. 5,895 Members. Gain, 9.

NEW JERSEY

70th Annual Convocation

Held at Trenton, 12th May, 1926.

Alberta represented by E. Comp. William H. Pike.

Many distinguished visitors attended.

Grand High Priest Frank C. Sayrs made a splendid address on his official acts during the year. He was a great visitor; not only to his own Chapters but to other Jurisdictions.

He issued a dispensation to open a Chapter at Woodbury and, having witnessed the good work done by the new Chapter, recommended that a Charter be granted. (Grand Chapter concurred.)

He decided that a High Priest elect, absent on account of illness, could not be installed by proxy, and ruled against "loose leaf records," but Grand Chapter decided that, if the leaves were consecutively numbered, all would be well.

On the matter of membership, Grand Chapter ruled: "To obtain and retain membership in a Subordinate Body of this Grand Chapter, one must be an affiliated Master Mason."

The Grand High Priest especially commended the Grand Secretary in his address. From the manner in which the "Proceedings" of New Jersey are arranged, we feel that the complimentary remarks were well merited.

From the addresses given by the visitors many bright thoughts might be gleaned, but cannot be printed here.

R. E. Comp. A. Boylan Fitzgerald, Chairman, gives Alberta over four pages of favorable comment, our Tenth Anniversary and the 1925 Annual being ably and fraternally reviewed.

58 Chapters. 19,931 Members. Gain, 603.

NEW MEXICO

28th Annual Convocation

Held at Roswell, 18th February, 1926.

No exchange of Representatives.

M. E. Comp. Franklin P. Kilburn, Grand High Priest, has the poet's gift, as may be gathered from paragraphs of his address:

"With salutations most cordial and fraternal I greet you as we meet in this Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation to care for the business of this Grand Chapter.

"We are at the passing of another milestone in our Masonic Fraternity; another lap of life's pilgrimage is behind us.

"But from the Giver of Eternity—the All Wise One—another year will drop bright as an angel from the snow-white throne, unchecked, unstained, untarnished and unsoiled.

"We are all Brothers of a glorious Order. Like the sun riding in the flaming chariot through the heavens without a rival, so Freemasonry, clad in robes of virgin white, stands without a peer in the world of fraternalism.

"As the gentle moon hangs her silver crescent upon the sky with the matchless glory of her mellow twilight, folding the lengthening shadows of departing day around her, softly singing Time's eternal lullaby while she gently rocks the weary world to rest, so the beckoning light of Freemasonry, with tender hands, puts the broad mantle of charity, friendship and brotherly love above the sons of noble sires, as they go to and from labor, refreshment and rest."

He visited the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar at Seattle and two of his constituent Chapters, in one of which he holds membership. His intentions were good, "but press of business and a myriad other things—made visits impossible."

The Committee on "Grand High Priest's Address" reports less poetically:

"We, your Committee on Grand High Priest's Address, respectfully report:

"We congratulate the Most Excellent Grand High Priest upon the sentiments expressed in the Preamble to his address.

"We approve of his dispensations granted.

"We approve of his decisions and rulings.

"We approve of his deputations.

"We acknowledge the courtesies of other Grand Jurisdictions in conferring the degrees upon Companions elected in this jurisdiction.

"We congratulate him on his most successful administration."

We add: "All's well that ends well."

No correspondence report.

16 Chapters. 2,074 Members. Gain, 101.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Quarterly Convocations

Held at Sydney, 11th February, 13th May, 12th August, 11th November, 1925.

Alberta's Representative not present.

M. E. Comp. H. M. Hamilton, Grand Z., presided at the first of the Quarterly Convocations, but previous to the second meeting, he left for Great Britain for a "well earned holiday" and to discuss if possible the Capitular troubles with those in authority in Scotland; for be it known "Scotland makes claims of jurisdiction in New South Wales, as she does in Queensland and New Zealand.

The duties of Grand Z. were efficiently carried on by R. E. Comp. Neville W. Montague, Grand H.

The Grand Inspector of Workings, who fills the position of Superintendent (as we call the office), gives a favorable report of the work in the several Chapters, which, with few exceptions, seem to be prosperous.

At the November Convocation, Comp. N. W. Montague was elected Grand First Principal.

Alberta for 1924 (Anniversary) and 1925 is fraternally reviewed, the Correspondent commenting on the low average attendance in our Chapters, as shown by our Reports.

68 Chapters. 3,608 Members.

NEW YORK

129th Annual Convocation

Held at Albany, 2nd February, 1926.

Alberta represented by E. Comp. W. Stanley Child.

Distinguished visitors representing The Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, The Supreme Council A. and A.S. Rite and from the Grand Chapters of Canada (in Ontario), Delaware, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and The General Grand Chapter were present and accorded Grand Honors.

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. John F. Birmingham during the year granted dispensations to Chapters at Warrensburg and at Great Neck. He also constituted Covenant Chapter No. 324 at Buffalo.

Three High Priests failed to receive the Order of High Priest at the 1925 Convocation and were thereby disqualified from presiding in their Chapters. They were afterwards "healed" and the disability removed.

The great-grandson of M. E. DeWitt Clinton presented Grand Chapter with the apron worn by his great-grandfather at the time he was the first Grand High Priest of New York. Needless to say it "will be regarded as one of the choicest possessions of the Grand Chapter."

The Grand High Priest refused dispensations to a Chapter to meet and confer degrees outside of its territorial jurisdiction, also refused to allow a Chapter to confer the degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master at one Convocation. He was the honored guest of his own Chapter (Sylvan) at a banquet followed by a reception in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, New York City, more than 1,000 Royal Arch Masons attending the reception.

He refused permission to a Royal Arch Quartette of Musicians to wear R. A. Regalia away from the Chapter room in Churches or Halls.

Refused to allow a Secretary to use the loose leaf system.

The Grand High Priest paid tribute to the valuable services of the Grand Secretary M. E. Comp. Charles C. Hunt.

Grand Chapter expended \$1,505 for relief of members afflicted with tuberculosis, and \$300 to a widow. An appropriation of \$5,000 was made to the Tubercular Fund for the current year.

The Foreign Correspondence report, owing to the death of the former Chairman M. E. Comp. Arthur Warren, is from the pen of Comp. Walter R. Marden. Over two pages of his splendid report is given to "Alberta" on our Anniversary of 1924 and our 1925 Annual. We thank him for his kindly references.

227 Chapters. 71,576 Members. Gain, 1,670.

NEW ZEALAND

34th Annual Convocation

Held at Invercargill, 24th January, 1926.

We fail to find the name of Alberta's Representative among those present.

Again we meet Capitular trouble, "Scotland" once more claiming jurisdiction. Unsuccessful attempts have been made to settle the differences amicably. On 24th August, 1926, The Grand Z. M. E. Comp. T. M. Rankin, renounced and severed all Masonic intercourse between the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

56 Chapters. 1 Mark Lodge. 3,389 Members. Gain, 94.

NORTH CAROLINA

78th Annual Convocation

Held at Wilmington, 11th May, 1926.

Comp. J. Edward Allen represented "Alberta."

M. E. Comp. James W. Payne, Grand High Priest, is evidently a successful organizer and it would be advantageous for some of our leaders to copy his example in arranging the year's work early. In this connection he says:

"I fully realized the position of Grand High Priest of North Carolina was a big and responsible one; and I also felt that it was a job that could

not be successfully handled without help, and knowing that I could not accomplish anything without a program, and an end in view, my first determination was to solicit the advice and assistance of all Past Grand Officers. This I did, and received help from all those upon whom I called.

"Next I decided to put every Grand Officer to work. This I succeeded in doing.

"My policy and program for the year was to carry out the York Rite Reunion idea, which has been endorsed by the Grand Chapter, and to have a Grand Officer, if possible, visit every Chapter in the State, thereby letting the Chapters get acquainted with the Grand Officers, and the Grand Officers get acquainted with the Chapters.

"By this policy I proposed to build up better Chapters out of the ones we already have, to make better Royal Arch Masons out of our present membership and create a closer co-operation and fellowship between the Chapters and Members. I have also impressed upon the Grand Officers, as well as the subordinate officers, in teaching the Ritual, to bring out the beautiful lessons in the Ritual, and I firmly believe if a program of this kind was systematically pushed for a few years you would see Royal Arch Masonry grow, for I believe with a Blue Lodge membership of 45,000 we should have at least half that number as Royal Arch Masons.

"I have also tried to put new life in the weaker Chapters, and we have succeeded in getting several to return to work and take on new life that was in the act of giving up the Charter.

"At the beginning of the year I divided the State into nine small districts, and assigned a Grand Officer at the head of each district, making him responsible for the above program in his district. All of the Grand Officers have worked, most of them have had some mighty fine meetings, and I am sure our efforts have not been altogether in vain."

He arrested several Charters, because for years the Chapters had done nothing. He instilled new life into several others that were ready to expire, and at the end of his term of office is able to say: "Everything is fine."

North Carolina has a Masonic Educational Loan Fund that is doing good work and might with advantage be adopted by every Grand Masonic Body.

The address of the Grand High Priest is one of the most complete reports of the activities of a skilled leader we have ever read, and covers every phase of his work. (Would that we had many more like him.) The address concludes with these words:—

"While it has been at the sacrifice of much of the time of a busy man, yet I assure you that it has been a labor of love and the reward of it all has come in the doing of it. My efforts have been to do good work, true work, square work, and as you apply to it the square of your wisdom and experience, I trust that some parts of it, at least, may be found worthy of an honored place in the temple which we are building."

Alberta's Representative is also Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. His review of Alberta covers four pages from our Anniversary Meeting and our Annual of 1925. He is evidently proud to be our Representative. We give his opening remarks:—

"We Belong!"

"The Fraternal Correspondent happens to have the great honor to be the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta near the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. He feels this to be a noteworthy honor, for two reasons: first, this Grand Chapter of Alberta celebrated in 1925, the year under review, its Tenth Anniversary. In the ten years the Grand Chapter has been firmly established, and now is conducting its affairs with remarkably even tenor. This leads to the second reason for feeling the honor, which is, that to-day the Alberta Companions are functioning so smoothly that we cannot for the life of us find anything in this 1925 book to complain about, to point out as the 'horrible example of things as they

ought not to be,' or to use as the text from which to preach a sermon to the North Carolina Companions on how not to do things. You see, we Reviewers as a class are a sour lot; we are not disposed to write with glee when we find everything going as we think it ought to be, but thereat look disappointed, for our thunder is stolen and silenced.

"Therefore, in our present dilemma, what shall we do, with nothing to pick to pieces in Alberta?"

For our Companion's information we add that our "Grand Janitor" takes the place of "Grand Tyler."

57 Chapters. 8,279 Members. Gain, 107.

NORTH DAKOTA

37th Annual Convocation

Held at Fargo, 26th January, 1926.

Alberta not represented.

Many distinguished visitors were present, including our Representative from Minnesota and our good friend and Companion, Harry F. Moulden, Grand Scribe E. of Manitoba.

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. William T. Johnston had a pleasant year of office. Although the membership shows a loss of 44, the exaltations were greater than in the previous year, but 134 were suspended for N.P.D. The season of "clean up" seems to be almost universal, and we shall duly see good results and a healthy membership.

It was not necessary for the Grand High Priest to make any decisions. He visited the Grand Chapter of Manitoba and was greatly pleased with his reception.

The Grand Secretary after sixteen years in that office is still energetic. Following are some of his practical remarks:—

"We do not believe there is any less real interest in Masonry and Masonic principles, but there is a demand that when we give our time, attention and attendance, we shall take away something with us in the form of added enthusiasm and inspiration. Dead routine and formalism in ritual will not do. It will not hold the interest. Therefore, we feel that in our Chapters as in our Lodges there must be closer organization, better planning and more effort on the part of those in places of leadership. All this is born out of the experiences of the last few years. There is no use complaining or decrying the lack of interest or attendance; the only thing to do is to get busy and create interest. It can be done. We have tried it in Fargo, where the demands from the outside are greater than anywhere else in the jurisdiction, and we know whereof we speak. The returns for the year 1925 are a bit discouraging. Our losses by demit, and suspension for non-payment of dues are double those of last year and the Grand Chapter shows a net loss of 44. In the face of this situation it seems to us that we ought to redouble our efforts to bring to the Master Masons of North Dakota the importance of the Royal Arch degrees. Certainly more life and activity on the part of many of our Chapters is necessary."

North Dakota, also, has an Educational Fund, and in the ten years of its existence only \$60 has been uncollectable.

M. E. Comp. E. George Guthrie writes the Fraternal Correspondence Report in his usual capable manner, and reviews our Tenth Anniversary meeting and the Annual of 1925 in a gracious style.

28 Chapters. 4,124 Members. Loss, 44.

NOVA SCOTIA

57th Annual Convocation

Held at Halifax, 8th June, 1926.

R. E. Comp. Fletcher H. Northup represented "Alberta."

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Pius J. S. Otto in his address states that "Capitular affairs have been most satisfactory" and "Peace and harmony prevail."

"While for the past two years a loss of membership has been recorded, contrasting strongly with the large accession for some years previous it is felt that, while this year also we must record a loss of 39, the tide is turned. The general indications and healthful condition of all our Chapters presage a brighter future."

He ruled that "A Royal Arch Mason may take his demit from a Blue Lodge without affecting his standing in his Chapter." This ruling will please some of the "prominent Masons" whose names occasionally appear in the public press, but who are never seen in Lodge or Chapter.

He rightly refused a dispensation to hold a Public Installation.

"*Question*—Brother was suspended by his Chapter, No., for N.P.D. The proposal was made at our last meeting to reinstate Brother I want to get him reinstated As I understand the Constitution he should pay the dues that were owing at the time of his suspension.

"1. Does he have to pay any more?

"*Answer*—The Constitution of Grand Chapter is silent on this question, and I suggest that the Chapter might be governed by the principles laid down in Section 60, pages 99, (a), (b) and (c) of the Grand Lodge Constitution.

"2. Will the Grand Chapter require him to pay a per capita tax for the past twenty-five years?

"*Answer*—The Constitution of the Grand Chapter is silent on this question and I rule that the per capita taxes accruing during the interval of suspension become due and are to be included in the regular returns to Grand Chapter."

He made many visitations and was obviously an active and zealous officer.

With apologies to The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, we reproduce the "Report of Committee on Dependent Membership." With reference to "Alberta's" reply to question No. 3, we beg to advise that this should read, "Ceases after 12 months."

Report of Committee on Dependent Membership

This Report was read by M. E. Comp. George D. Macdougall, Chairman of the Committee, and on motion of M. E. Comp. G. D. Macdougall, seconded by R. E. Comp. R. V. Harris was received and adopted.

*The Most Excellent Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia.*

We, your Committee, appointed to report on the question of "*Dependent Membership*" beg leave to submit to you the results of our investigation.

Through the good offices of our Grand Secretary (for whom no trouble is too great if the interests of Royal Arch Masonry may be advanced thereby) we have corresponded with fifty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, submitting to them a questionnaire after the following manner:—

1. Does the Constitution of your Grand Chapter demand that a brother applying for membership in the Chapter shall be a subscribing member of a Craft Lodge?

2. Does the Constitution demand that he shall remain a subscribing member of a Craft Lodge during the life of his Chapter membership.

3. In case the Companion demits from his lodge what effect has it upon his standing as a member of his Chapter?

4. If "dependent membership" be in force in your Jurisdiction what advantages have been derived from it?

5. If it be not, what objections are made to it?

The replies to this questionnaire are in the hands of the Grand Secretary and for your information at the moment we give you a synopsis of the same. This synopsis is appended to this report.

Our investigation shows that in the British Isles, Australia and Canada the majority of the Grand Jurisdictions have not considered the question of "dependent membership." Those that have "dependent membership" in force consider it beneficial.

In the United States, replies from forty-four jurisdictions indicate that five only do not enforce "dependent membership." And of these five, one advises that this question has not been considered but when it is considered it is most probable that the decision will be favorable to legislative enactment.

In view of all the opinions expressed, the practice in the jurisdictions with which we have long had the closest contact, and the underlying principle that the Craft Lodge is the "basis of Masonry" on which the "Chapter" is built your Committee have no hesitancy in stating their belief that "dependent membership" should be enforced, that it is in the best interests of Freemasonry and we recommend that the motion to amend the Constitution as submitted to the Grand Convocation in 1925 be enacted in its present wording.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. D. MACDOUGALL
REGINALD V. HARRIS

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England	No.	No.	None.
Ireland	Yes.	No.	"
Scotland	No (unds'd)	No.	"
New South Wales	No.	No.	"
New Zealand	Yes.	Yes.	Ceased 1F.
Victoria	Yes.	Yes.	Ceases 12 mos.
Western Australia	No. (?) A.	No.	None.
Alberta	Yes.	Yes.	?
British Columbia	No. (?) A.	No.	None.
Canada (Ontario)	No. (?) A.	No.	"
New Brunswick	No.	No.	None.
Quebec	No.	No.	"
Saskatchewan	Yes.	Yes.	Ceases.

A.—(Western Australia, British Columbia and Canada) require evidence of good standing. If demitted with us he is in "bad standing." Their law an anomalous article.

Alberta answers "Yes" to No. 3. This of itself has no meaning, but judge they desire and may require interest in "blue."

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Alabama	Yes.	Yes.	Ceases 6 mos.
Arkansas	"	"	" 6 mos.
California	"	"	" "
Colorado	"	"	May Susp. 1 yr.
Connecticut	"	"	Ceases 6 mos.
Delaware	"	"	" 1 yr.
District of Columbia	"	"	" 6 mos.
Florida	"	No.	None.
Georgia	"	Yes.	Ceases 12 mos.
Idaho	"	"	" 12 mos.
Illinois	"	No.	None.
Indiana	"	Yes.	Ceases 6 mos.
Iowa	"	"	" 1 yr.
Kansas	"	"	"
Kentucky	"	"	" 6 mos.
Louisiana	"	"	" 1 yr.
Maine	"	"	" 1 yr.
Maryland	"	"	" 6 mos.
Massachusetts	"	No.	None.
Michigan	"	Yes.	Ceases 12 mos.
Minnesota	"	"	"
Missouri	"	"	"
Montana	"	"	"
Nebraska	"	"	" 6 mos.
Nevada	"	No.	None.
New Hampshire	"	Yes.	Basis of suspension
New Jersey	"	No.	None.
New Mexico	"	Yes.	Ceases 1 yr.
New York	"	"	" 1 yr.
North Carolina	"	"	Ceases
North Dakota	"	"	" 6 mos.
Oklahoma	"	"	" 12 mos.
Oregon	"	"	"
Pennsylvania	"	"	" ipso facto
South Carolina	"	"	Dropped.
Tennessee	"	"	" 6 mos.
Texas	"	"	" 6 mos.
Utah	"	"	"
Vermont	"	"	Ceases.
Virginia	"	"	" 6 mos.
Washington	"	"	" 12 mos.
West Virginia	"	"	" 12 mos.
Wisconsin	"	No.	None.
Wyoming	"	Yes.	Ceases 6 mos.

The Foreign Correspondence Report is by R. E. Comp. Brenton F. Porter. Unfortunately "Alberta" is not reviewed.

20 Chapters. 2,651 Members. Loss, 39.

OHIO

109th Annual Convocation

Held at Akron, 30th September, 1925.

R. E. Comp. Irving Stafford, Grand King, represented "Alberta."

Grand Chapter was welcomed to Akron by the Mayor, Comp. D. C. Ryboth.

Distinguished visitors were present from Indiana, New York and Michigan.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Robert E. Lee, in an outstanding address, reported his official acts for the year. In supporting several recommendations, he utters this striking truism:—

"It is true that character building is perhaps the principal aim of our Order, and it is indisputable that great good has been accomplished along this line, but, unless there is a practical application of this higher development in a manner beneficial to humanity, it is difficult to justify the claim that we have accomplished this objective."

Speaking in favor of the Masonic Home, he says: "Acting collectively we can and should raise sufficient funds to enable the Home to expand its usefulness and fully accomplish its intended purpose. The statement has been made that, if we increase the per capita payments to the Home, large numbers of our members would demit. The only possible answer to this statement is that our Order would be stronger with one hundred thousand MASONS as against two hundred thousand MEMBERS."

Much more good matter could be taken from this address did space permit.

He made many visitations to Ohio Chapters and had the great pleasure of a visit to "Virginia."

The Grand High Priest received petitions for four new Chapters, but refused dispensations to institute them because "It was my conviction that my duty to the Grand Chapter required that every effort be made to prevent the instituting of additional Chapters whose success from every standpoint was at least doubtful." Needless to say his action was endorsed by Grand Chapter.

Three Chapters were constituted and consecrated during the year.

In future "No dispensation for the institution of a new Chapter shall be granted during the recess of the Grand Chapter"—a new enactment following the G.H.P.'s recommendation.

M. E. Comp. O. P. Sperra is Chairman of the Correspondence Committee. His review of "Alberta" covers 1924 and 1925.

209 Chapters. 78,825 Members. Gain, 1,601.

OKLAHOMA

37th Annual Convocation

Held at Tulsa, 21st April, 1926.

R. E. Comp. Edward P. Gallup represented "Alberta."

There is so much of interest in M. E. Comp. Charles E. Creager's address as Grand High Priest, that we quote freely therefrom for the benefit of our Alberta Companions:—

"The station of Grand High Priest is not a poor man's job. It is not a busy man's place. To function properly, the head of the Royal Craft in

this or any Grand Jurisdiction should be in position to give all his time, his energy, his influence to his official duties. I have fallen short of the standard I had set; I have been unable to meet properly and courageously each situation; I have been unable to improve every opportunity which presented itself to benefit Freemasonry and those who are entitled to its beneficence. But I have done the best I could and offer no further apology.

"You will note from the formal reports which will be presented in a few moments that our loss in membership during the year is nearly twelve hundred. We are in that respect a smaller Grand Chapter than we were a year ago, but in my honest opinion we are stronger and better. We are simply reaping the harvest we sowed several years ago in our mad rush for MEMBERS. In this respect, we are little different from most of the other Grand Chapters. Our problem now is to hold that which is worth our while. Several phases of the problem will be presented in the reports of the several Grand Officers.

"I am happy to welcome to this Convocation, the secretaries of most of our constituent Chapters. There is a disposition in many quarters to place the responsibility for loss in membership upon our secretaries. It is an easy suggestion that if the secretaries would collect dues, there would be few suspensions. That is true, but my own experience and observation leads me to the belief that the Companion whose dues must be collected by the processes of ordinary business is more of a liability than an asset to the Craft and that losing his membership and his dues is really more of a gain than a loss. I refer of course to those Companions whose financial condition is such that they can easily afford to pay dues but lack the interest to do so. I do not feel that a reasonably active secretary, therefore, is to blame.

"There is a disposition in other quarters to attribute the cause for lack of interest on the part of many Companions to a less interesting ritual; that the work recommended by the General Grand Chapter and adopted by us several years ago is not sufficiently attractive to hold members and that if we should return to "the old ritual" there would be fewer suspensions. Examination of the annual reports fails to disclose that the suspended members are "old timers"; a large majority of those Companions whose names have been dropped were exalted after the change in ritual and they could not have known anything about the old one. In view of this and the further fact that in Grand Chapters where a different ritual is in use, reports indicate a falling off quite as serious as our own.

"If our Chapters will be careful in the selection of material; if our officers will faithfully discharge their duties and give the candidates the best there is in any ritual, secretaries will have less trouble in the collection of dues, suspensions will be the exception and not the rule, and Royal Arch Masonry will be a more useful institution. I subscribe myself to the doctrine that 'A WELL DIRECTED BLACK BALL NEVER INJURES MASONRY.' "

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"THE STATE OF THE RITE

"It is a pleasure to report that the condition of the Capitular Rite is wholesome. The splendid achievement with our educational fund has characterized the Royal Arch Mason as a citizen who is interested in his successor and believes in preparing the youth of this generation to take up the responsibilities which older men and women must soon surrender. The Companions throughout our jurisdiction are interested in their fraternity, not as a mere society maintained for the mutual benefit of its members but as an institution with a purpose and a program.

"There is little disposition to use the Rite as a mere stepping stone to some other Masonic membership or to regard it merely as an 'honor'; it is an opportunity. It is a part of a system. It easily co-ordinates with Cryptic and Chivalric Masonry in the accomplishment of Masonic purposes."

In connection with the large number of suspensions for N.P.D., he states:—

"This comes largely as the result of that so-called 'enthusiasm' displayed by Masonic Bodies several years ago. At that time Lodges and Chapters vied with each other in an effort to secure members and in some instances Lodges and Chapters were in session for more than twenty-four hours at a time in order to accommodate candidates, who were using every possible endeavor to acquire membership by 'short cut.' Presiding officers measured the success of their administration by the percentage of increase in membership. In the mad rush it was inevitable that large numbers of petitions were favorably received which through a process of material investigation and careful consideration might have been rejected. Masonry, in short, became somewhat of a fad rather than a stable, dignified fraternity.

"Those things in life that are more thoroughly appreciated are those 'worth striving for.' That which comes without a struggle is usually regarded with little esteem. It is possible, I am sure in many instances it is a fact that during the period of 'heavy increases,' many newly made Companions found Masonry so easily and quickly attained that they prize it lightly.

"It is possible, and I think, practicable to relieve Companions from the danger of suspension from non-payment of dues by providing a way for him to pay all his dues at the time of his exaltation. Brethren do not apply for admission to the Chapter when they are financially embarrassed. These conditions come later. I propose therefore that a way be made for the collection of dues while the candidate's enthusiasm is at its highest pitch and when the burden of expense is of small consideration."

He was not called upon to make any decisions on Capitular law.

"Oklahoma" was the pioneer in the Student Loan Fund field among Fraternal Organizations. Last year the Committee made 33 loans totalling \$8,150 and 99 loans to a total of \$23,175, since 1921-22.

The Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Report reviews Alberta for 1925 and our Special of 1924. He is not well pleased with our Foreign Correspondence Report, and says, with reference to our quotations from addresses: "I wonder if any other correspondent reads them?" These quotations are made primarily for "home consumption," not for the edification of "Correspondents who possibly do not need the lessons to be learned from them."

77 Chapters. 14,108 Members. Loss, 151.

OREGON

66th Annual Convocation

Held at Astoria, 12th April, 1926.

"Alberta" not represented.

M. E. Comp. John K. Kollock, Grand High Priest, reports "a healthy condition of the craft" with peace and harmony prevailing.

He constituted Oceanic Chapter No. 22 at Bandon and declined to issue dispensation to institute a Chapter at Redmond as it was his firm conviction "that the establishment of new chapters in a sparsely settled community under normal circumstances is of very doubtful value to the craft."

Comp. George J. Walton, Grand Orator, gave a brilliant address on "The Building of a Man." Space forbids its reproduction.

Alberta for 1925 is fraternally reviewed by Comp. Walter O. Haines, Correspondent.

48 Chapters. 7,209 Members. Gain, 161.

PENNSYLVANIA

130th Annual Convocation

Held at Philadelphia, 28th December, 1925.

Comp. Owen W. Metzgar represented Alberta at two of the quarterly Communications.

M. E. Comp. George P. Darrow, Grand High Priest, reports having attended all twenty-six of the district meetings. These meetings are evidently for instructional purposes, degrees being conferred by the regular officers of the Chapters. To quote the Grand High Priest: "This system of having three Chapters of each district rehearse one of the three degrees with their officers in their respective stations and places has greatly helped to bring the work in every part of the State to a standard of uniformity and perfection that formerly seemed impossible to attain. Almost without exception every Chapter in the Jurisdiction has merited and received my hearty commendation." He also commends the District Deputies and other Grand Chapter Officers for their good work.

In addition to attending the District meetings, he visited several of the subordinate Chapters as well as the Annual Convocations of New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Michigan and Virginia.

M. E. Comp. John M. Core, one of the five members of the Committee on Correspondence, reviews "Alberta" for 1925 as well as our Tenth Anniversary meeting, his remarks being uniformly kind and complimentary.

152 Chapters. 59,778 Members. Gain, 662.

2 Mark Lodges. 156 Members. Gain, 2.

QUEBEC

49th Annual Convocation

Held at Montreal, 24th March, 1926.

R. E. Comp. W. J. Edwards represented "Alberta."

The Grand First Principal, M. E. Comp. W. M. Couper, reports harmony and progress during the year. Fraternal relations, which for some years have been broken, were restored between "Quebec" and "The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England." M. E. Comp. J. Alexander Cameron was eulogized for the part he took in helping to bring about the happy termination of the discord.

Slightly over twenty-two per cent. of the Quebec Masons are members of the Royal Arch Chapters.

In addition to many visits to his own Chapters, The Grand Z. found time to visit the Grand Chapters of Maine, Massachusetts and Canada at Toronto.

He granted a dispensation to a Chapter to wear Regalia at an "At Home." Also five dispensations to install First Principals who had not been Masters of symbolic Lodges.

The Ritual is to be revised.

The Grand Z. held office for two years.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence is written by M. E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, whose health we are glad to know is so improved that he is again able to "carry on." His page review of our Tenth Anniversary and Eleventh Annual Convocation makes pleasant reading.

21 Chapters. 3,417 Members. Gain, 66.

SASKATCHEWAN

3rd Annual Convocation

Held at Weyburn, 17th February, 1926.

Alberta represented by R. E. Comp. J. C. Moore, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand High Priest of North Dakota, M. E. Comp. Shaw, was present. M. E. Comp. C. P. Moore, Grand Z., reports the Chapters in a healthy condition—"Peace and harmony prevails."

He refused to allow a Chapter to confer all three degrees in one day.

Refused permission to permit regalia to be worn at a dance.

His Address is a business-like report of an active officer.

The Grand Scribe E., in reporting a net loss for the year, practically observes:

"But the large number of suspensions and withdrawals should receive careful attention. If a member has lost all interest in the Royal Craft, and neither attends nor pays his dues, the formal removal of his name from the roll is a mere detail. Doubtless some who join find the Order different to what they anticipated, and not making an appeal to them, they gradually drop out. In regard to these not much can be done. But for the great majority who join surely the Royal Arch has a message. Are the Chapters living up to their opportunities? Only seven Chapters have initiated over five, and eleven less than three.

"I trust that you will not think I am blaming the Chapters for this, but I want to suggest, that when not having degrees to confer there would be time to take up interesting work for the benefit of the members. Could not some book be studied in such a way as to get the interest of all the members aroused? If something along this line could be done the number of suspensions would decrease."

Alberta for 1925 is kindly reviewed by R. E. Comp. Francis B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E., as well as Chairman of Correspondence Committee. Although this is his first review, he has already discovered that: "As good families have very little history so in the Royal Craft the most modest and meagre proceedings may come from the best jurisdictions."

26 Chapters. 2,557 Members. Loss, 80.

SCOTLAND

Special Meeting

Held at Edinburgh, 19th March, 1926.

M. E. Comp. The Earl of Cassillis, Grand Z.

R. E. Comp. Wm. MacVey, Alberta's Representative, present.

The installation ceremonies were followed by a Banquet to celebrate The Festival of the Vernal Equinox. Masonic jewels were worn but no Regalia. The speeches were of a high order and worthy of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

At the Quarterly Meeting. The Supreme Grand Chapter Committee on 4th June, 1926, stated in connection with "New Zealand": "The Committee is of opinion that any untoward circumstances affecting Royal Arch Masonry which may result from the severance threatened, is attributable to the action of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand."

SOUTH CAROLINA**114th Annual Convocation**

Held at Greenville, 28th April, 1926.

"Alberta" represented by M. E. Comp. Wm. A. Giles, P.G.H.P.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Chas. K. Creitzburg, reported peace and harmony prevailing. He remarks that "Where the work is well done there is no lack of interest. It is only where the officers have not prepared themselves that the Chapters are sluggish and fast becoming dormant."

He avoided granting dispensations for the railroading of candidates.

He has had the honor of being elected Grand Master, Grand High Priest and Grand Master of Grand Council, in the past three years.

M. E. Comp. James L. Michie is Chairman of Correspondence Committee. Alberta's Tenth Anniversary and our 1925 Annual are fraternally reviewed.

43 Chapters. 6,459 Members. Gain, 170.

SOUTH DAKOTA**37th Annual Convocation**

Held at Yankton, 10th June, 1926.

Alberta represented by M. E. Comp. Norris J. Hendrickson, P.G.H.P.

South Dakota mourn the death of their Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Charles L. Brockway.

R. E. Comp. John O. Kammerman, Grand King, presided as Acting Grand High Priest. From his report we gather that he was zealous in visitations to the Chapters and that his duties were discharged to the satisfaction of Grand Chapter. Following is an interesting excerpt from his address:

"Progress has been made in Capitular Masonry as well as in science. This great body designed for the uplifting of mankind has spread and firmly planted its banners in all states and several foreign countries and as we have held first place among fraternal organizations for centuries, you can realize that Capitular Masonry has been founded on a permanent foundation, as permanent as the fertile plains or the everlasting mountains of our state. We have taken as our belief that brotherly love is the greatest thing in life. We have obligated ourselves to the principles of service to mankind. If we will adapt these principles to ourselves, and eliminate all jealousies, enmities, hatred of race or creed, and keep these things out of our fraternity, we will be giving that service to which this fraternity is dedicated, and thereby show the world that Masonic ideals are not only high, but that the standard of our ideal is the highest possible to be attained.

"While everything around us may be changing or advancing with the times and styles, we should never let any new fads or fancies to so alter our minds that we would allow the ideals of Masonry to be disturbed."

He refused a waiver of jurisdiction where a Brother had permitted more than a year to elapse since taking his M. M. Degree and stated that a vote of the Chapter where the Brother petitioned originally was necessary in order to place him in good standing.

The Grand Chapter of Queensland was recognized and Representatives exchanged.

Comp. Robert S. Hart is Chairman of the Correspondence Committee. Alberta is fraternally reviewed for 1925.

43 Chapters. 6,370 Members. Loss, 10.

TENNESSEE

97th Annual Convocation

Held at Nashville, 25th January, 1926.

M. E. Comp. Frank E. Bartley represented "Alberta."

The Grand High Priest's visitations were so few that the Committee on Jurisprudence reminded him of his duty.

"We regret that our Grand High Priest did not make a greater effort to make personal contact with subordinate Chapters. We feel that visitations by our Grand High Priest are not only helpful to Chapters, but have great educational value to the Grand High Priest himself."

M. E. Comp. C. H. Smart, P.G.H.P., is Chairman of the Report on Correspondence. His review of our 1925 Convocation, though kindly, contains a slight error in criticism of a decision given re a demit. We therefore explain that the Companion to whom the demit was granted removed to another jurisdiction and has *not returned* to Alberta. Had he returned to this jurisdiction he could have affiliated with one of our Chapters.

90 Chapters. 11,237 Members. Gain, 198.

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TEXAS

76th Annual Convocation

Held at Waco, 30th November, 1925.

Alberta not represented.

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Frank Holt during his year instituted a system of visitation of Chapters by prominent speakers "for a better education in Masonry by the benefit to be derived from a discussion of Masonry's fundamental facts, principles and symbolism." Sixty-five Chapters were visited by M. E. Comp. Sam J. Helm and Rt. Ex.-Comp. I. M. Bartley and "they inspired all those who heard them to greater efforts in the cause of Masonry." A capital innovation and one that will have good results. If Royal Arch Masons could be induced to study and ponder the lessons of the Degrees, there would be fewer suspensions and arrests of Charters.

Texas refuses to exchange Representatives with Scotland. Enjoying fraternal relations with "West Australia," "New Zealand" and "New South Wales," and those Grand Chapters not being recognized by Scotland, it would not be consistent for Texas to resume fraternal relations with the latter body.

"British Columbia" was fraternally recognized and an exchange of Representatives authorized.

Two Chapters which had been granted Charters at the 1924 Convocation were constituted.

Two other new Chapters were instituted by dispensation.

The G.H.P. refused a dispensation to receive the application and ballot at a called convocation on a sailor who was home on a short furlough.

Nine Chapters had their Charters arrested.

Texas has a "Home for Aged Masons" that is doing wonderful work. Also a Student Loan Fund, \$10,000 being set aside by Grand Chapter for this good cause.

The Report of Fraternal Correspondence is written by Comp. Sam. J. Helm, who, in a complimentary vein, reviewed Alberta for 1925. We quote these two striking paragraphs from the last page of his report, believing him to be absolutely right:

"We are now paying the penalty for having thrown the doors almost wide-open during the war; there was more grist than the mill could grind,

and some of it was not up to the standard; 'barren corn makes bitter bread.' Companions, who are not desirous of instruction in the fundamentals, are unworthy of our privileges; those who do desire instruction, should receive it; they are entitled to it, they have paid for it, and their Chapters owe it to them. Masonry's greatest work during the next few years is the education of members in Masonry."

"The position which Masonry is to hold ten years hence, its power for good and its standing in the estimation of the world at large will be determined largely by the success of Royal Arch Chapters in educating Masons in Masonry during the next few years."

315 Chapters. 43,289 Members. Gain, 338.

TEXAS

77th Annual Convocation

Held at Waco, 29th November, 1926.

Alberta again not represented.

The "Book of Proceedings" of Texas is a volume of approximately 700 pages and, with the exception of 312 pages of Returns of Subordinate Chapters, we have read with interest nearly every line. It is rich in thought-inducing matter. If for no other object than to record the year's work in the "Home for Aged Masons," the labor involved in producing the book was worth while.

The address of M. E. Comp. John M. Weekley, Grand High Priest, shows him to be an enthusiastic hard-working officer and a Christian gentleman. His proneness to sermonize at times is not a fault, for a little "soul-searching" will benefit most of us.

He paid tribute to the good work done by M. E. Comp. Sam J. Helm and R. Ex. Comp. T. M. Bartley in the Educational Campaign "to teach true Masonry to Masons." These two Companions addressed during the year "ninety Masonic audiences comprising about one-half of the membership of Grand Chapter." An appropriation of \$3,500 was made for the Educational Campaign for 1927.

Comp. Sam J. Helm is again Chairman of Fraternal Correspondence. He gives over two pages of his report to Alberta for 1926. His review is at times critical but invariably kind.

125 Chapters. 43,868 Members. Gain, 579.

UTAH

15th Annual Convocation

Held at Salt Lake City, 10th May, 1926.

"Alberta" not represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his concise address, reported that he had visited all eight Chapters in the Jurisdiction. He makes one remark re his officers which is rather novel:

"It is a source of regret that the *platform officers* have not accompanied the Grand High Priest on any of his official visitations outside of their home towns. If Companions are unable or unwilling to fulfill the obligations and requirements incident to holding office in the Grand Chapter they should not accept them."

We have had "regalia collectors" but never before heard of "*platform officers*." Are they nearly related?

In his "General Remarks" he makes the statement: "If it can be arranged, the provision should be made whereby an applicant could apply for the Chapter, Council and Commandery all at one time if he so desired." No action seems to have been taken on this by his Committee.

Utah lost two prominent Craftsmen by death: Assistant Grand Secretary Alvin C. Emerson, who had been appointed to take the place of Comp. Walter Daniels, Grand Secretary, during the latter's illness, died on January 25th, 1926. Comp. Walter Daniels passed away on April 25th, 1926. Alberta extends sincere condolences to Utah in her bereavement.

The Correspondence Report is by Comp. W. H. Wilkins. We quote the summing up of the Committee's report on "Queensland":

"Your Committee therefore feels, as did the Grand Chapter of Michigan, that there should be 'no recognition of either of the Grand Chapters of Queensland until the Capitular skies over that State are cleared up,' there being at present two Grand Chapters both claiming jurisdiction over the State of Queensland in Australia, and each claiming recognition as regular Grand Chapters."

"Alberta" for 1925 is fraternally reviewed, the Correspondent saying: "This is a delightful report indeed," re our success in the past ten years. Thanks, Comp. Wilkins. May Utah also prosper!

8 Chapters. 1,241 Members. Gain, 37.

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VERMONT

109th Annual Convocation

Held at Burlington, 8th June, 1926.

R. E. Comp. Howard H. Shufelt represented "Alberta."

The address of M. E. Comp. Roger S. Pike, Grand High Priest, was very brief. He attended all the District meetings, and was not entirely satisfied with the attention to duty of some of the Chapter Officers—"In some of our district meetings an unexcusable lack of knowledge of the ritual and floor work was shown."

From the report of the "Committee on Jurisprudence" we note that Chapter notices to members are sometimes sent by mail in unsealed envelopes. This cannot occur in Alberta for we insist on having our Chapter notices sent out in sealed envelopes.

M. E. Comp. Archie S. Harriman, P.G.H.P., writes the Capitular Review. He gives a brief though complimentary report on our Tenth Anniversary and the 1925 Convocations.

31 Chapters. 5,987 Members. Gain, 5.

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VICTORIA

For Year Ending April, 1926

Grand Scribe E., R. E. Comp. J. E. Kennedy represented "Alberta."

Victoria's "Proceedings" cover the four quarterly Convocations, presided over by M. E. Comp. Thomas Mackenzie Kirkwood, Grand Z. His addresses cover the work of a busy and efficient leader, and appear to have been read in Grand Chapter by the Grand Scribe E.

At the Quarterly on January 20th, 1926, the Grand Z. spoke of the duties of Grand Representatives and warned "the ten or twelve representatives who seem to attend rarely, if at all, that absence from Grand Chapter for

two years may void their appointments and cause the office to be filled by a more appreciative Companion."

Included in the "Proceedings" is an abridged report of a lecture entitled "The Two Names," by M. E. Comp. A. H. Hansford, M.A., LL.B., and a lecture (in full) delivered by Comp. Rev. Jacob Danglow, M.A., on "Our Ensigns and Banners." Both of these addresses are wonderfully interesting, but, alas, cannot be reproduced here.

57 Chapters. 3,775 Members. Gain, 500.

9 Chapters were consecrated during the year 1925.

VIRGINIA

118th Annual Convocation

Held at Richmond, 27th October, 1925.

Alberta not represented.

M. E. Comp. Wm. Frank Bowden, Grand High Priest, reports "that peace, harmony and the best of companionship prevails and I feel that every Royal Arch Mason is, or is trying to do his duty and live up to his obligations."

He made thirty-four official visitations to his Chapters. Granted dispensations to three new Chapters.

Distinguished visitors were present from the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and North Carolina as well as the M.W. The Grand Master of Virginia.

Rt. Ex. Comp. Joseph W. Eggleston, Chairman of Fraternal Correspondence, briefly reviews Alberta for 1924, quoting from M. E. Comp. Coote's address.

73 Chapters. 17,439 Members. Gain, 674.

WASHINGTON

41st Annual Convocation

Held at Olympia, 24th August, 1925.

Alberta not represented.

After the opening ceremonies, Comp. Earl M. McCroskey, High Priest of Olympia Chapter, welcomed Grand Chapter in these words:

"Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers and Excellent Companions of the Grand Chapter:

"It is my pleasure to welcome you to Olympia. We hope you will enjoy yourselves and when your visit is over that you will know our welcome was just as sincere as the welcome Foss wrote about in his poem, 'The House By the Side of the Road.'

"The story is that Foss was one day a weary pilgrim tramping in New England. He was tired and thirsty. He could find no place of rest and refreshment along the road and was discouraged. When about to damn his luck, he noticed a wayside shrine which had a sign over it saying: 'Come in, Sit Down and Rest.' He did as invited. When seated he noticed opposite him a jug and a basket and a sign reading, 'Have an apple and a drink of pure water.' He partook of this fare and as it was so much out of the ordinary, decided to meet his benefactors. Looking around he saw a small cottage in a setting of large fruit trees. There he met the lady of the house, who in answer to his query about the hospitality to the passerby said: 'We have our little farm which produces poorly, but here in this draw God gave us a

wonderful spring which supplies pure water for us and our trees. What we have, we like to share as He intended we should.'

"Foss went on and later wrote:

"Let me live in the house by the side of the road
As the race of men go by,
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
Let me not sit in the scorner's seat,
Nor unfurl the cynic's ban;
But let me live in the house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.'

"So we want you to know that what we have we will share with you, as He would have us do."

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Samuel S. Endslow visited all but seven of the forty-nine Chapters and found that peace and harmony prevailed.

In answer to the question, "Is a protest made against the installing of an officer sufficient to hinder him from being installed?" he ruled: "Require the objection to be made in writing and if in the opinion of the installing officer it is sufficient for investigation, honor it; otherwise ignore the protest and proceed with the installation."

His recommendation that "Grand Chapter purchase a cup to be awarded to the Chapter which shall have attained the highest per cent. in efficiency by competitive test or inspection in the M. M. or R. A. degrees" was not concurred in by Grand Chapter.

M. E. Comp. Henry L. Kennan, P.G.H.P., is the Reviewer of Correspondence. He gives half a page to Alberta for 1924.

49 Chapters. 8,920 Members. Gain, 400.

WASHINGTON

42nd Annual Convocation

Held at Yakima, 3rd May, 1926.

Ex. Comp. Alex. Frazier represented "Alberta."

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Chas. H. Steffen reported that he had issued dispensations to institute four new Chapters.

He made many visitations and found: "Peace and harmony are the watchwords that are inspiring the Companions on to greater efforts and higher achievements in the noble work in which we are all engaged."

The Grand Secretary's salary was increased to Twelve Hundred dollars per year.

A Past High Priest of Illinois now a resident of Seattle and a member of a Seattle Chapter was elected a member of the Grand Chapter of the State of Washington.

M. E. Comp. Henry L. Kennan again reviews Alberta, covering our Tenth Anniversary meeting and the Annual Convocation of 1925. We thank him for his flattering remarks on our Correspondence Report.

53 Chapters. 9,397 Members. Gain, 477.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The only document that we have received from the Grand Chapter is a printed copy of the address of the First Grand Principal, M. E. Comp. Dr. J. S. Battye, L.D., B.A., LL.B., delivered at the Quarterly Convocation in Perth on Thursday, 29th July, 1926.

A new Chapter was consecrated at Bridgetown and a Charter was granted to a new Chapter at Subiaco.

"Scotland" is again blamed for infringing on the rights of Western Australia and ignoring a proposed agreement of June, 1921.

Western Australia again tenders a draft agreement to Scotland, and it is hoped that this will be the means of restoring peace and harmony.

WEST VIRGINIA

55th Annual Convocation

Held at Parkersburg, 9th November, 1925.

Comp. Lawrence G. Kincheloe, Grand Royal Arch Captain, represented "Alberta."

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. James A. Bryan announced that for twenty-five consecutive years he had attended Grand Chapter Convocations. (A proud record.)

The Grand High Priest brought up the matter of the separation of the Council Degrees (Royal and Select Masters) from the other Chapter degrees, but no action was taken by Grand Chapter.

He paid a well deserved tribute to Grand Secretary G. M. Ford, who, although he had just undergone a serious operation, was present and had his work well in hand.

The question of raising the minimum fees to thirty dollars was laid over until the next annual Convocation.

"Alberta" is honored with two pages and a half in the "Fraternal Correspondence" by Comp. G. M. Ford, our Tenth Anniversary and the Annual Convocation of 1925 being reviewed in a most fraternal and complimentary manner. We trust "Alberta" will always live up to the good opinion expressed by our kind Companion.

44 Chapters. 12,068 Members. Gain, 155.

WISCONSIN

76th Annual Convocation

Held at Milwaukee, 16th February, 1926.

Alberta not represented.

From the photograph of M. E. Comp. Harry P. DeBaufer, one gets the impression that he is a very young Mason, but his address stamps him an active worker and a Masonic Thinker.

The work of the year, as shown in the "Proceedings," was harmonious and progressive.

We regret to record the serious illness of Comp. W. W. Perry, Grand Secretary, who was unable to attend Grand Chapter.

M. E. Comp. Samuel Wright, a veteran Correspondent of eighteen years' service, gives "Alberta", 1925, a very few lines. He sums up his review in these words: "The Proceedings were routine and of local interest only."

112 Chapters. 24,427 Members. Gain, 983.

WYOMING

18th Annual Convocation

Held at Cheyenne, 15th July, 1926.

Alberta not represented.

The address of Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Edward D. Edwards was brief.

He ruled that a Master Mason who had lost his little finger on his right hand could not be accepted in a Chapter, nor could a Mason who had lost his right thumb.

He visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction.

The "Report on Correspondence" by Grand Secretary Ex. Comp. Richard H. Repath is an excellent review of the "Proceedings" of the Grand Chapters. He gives Alberta's Tenth Anniversary and the Annual Convocation of 1925 a page and a half notice of kindly comment.

18 Chapters. 2,226 Members. Gain, 83.

FINALE

And now, Companions of the Round Table, I bid you "Farewell." This probably completes my last review of the Correspondence. My health, which for the past few years has been poorly, demands that I move to a lower altitude.

I have tried to do "good work and true work" in Alberta, because I loved those Masons with whom I was associated, and their love and affection for me have helped me to perform my task.

May "Peace be within thy walls, and Prosperity within thy Palaces."

Faternally yours,

J. E. JOHNSON,

Reviewer.

Address by M.E. Comp. S. H. Middleton

Mr. Toastmaster and Companions, after such a splendid introduction I will feel quite at home (laughter), for I have been speaking to Indians daily for about twenty years; so if I have a relapse tonight and commence to speak to you in the Indian language I know you will pardon the slip. It is very nice also to hear the Toast Master, M. E. Companion Johnson, remark that the first real speech of the evening is to be given now. I really thought I was going to get away with the usual two minute speech and had prepared myself accordingly by getting two stories ready with the usual introduction, attaining the climax and then sitting down, but apparently such is not to be my lot.

I want to say how proud I am to have had the privilege during the past few years of associating myself with better men and bigger men than myself. Since being associated with the Grand Chapter I have been continually rubbing shoulders with such men, and I can assure you that my horizon in life is entirely different tonight from what it was before I became a Royal Arch Mason. I suppose in speaking to this great body of Masons tonight I am addressing probably Master Masons in addition to Companions of the Holy Royal Arch. Therefore, if there are any Masons here who do not belong to the Grand Chapter, then I can assure you, brethren, you have my sympathy, for you have missed something which I hope you will endeavor to obtain without delay.

I wonder if I may tonight, brethren, more or less unfold Masonry, as far as it appeals to me—or rather what I want to do is to show you my side of Masonry and to ascertain if your vision of the Fraternity, in your mind's eye, is anything like mine. If it is, all the better. In doing so I shall first have to crave the indulgence of the Most Excellent Grand Z, for I may be tempted to give some of the Master Masons present an idea of the secrets of the Holy Royal Arch. I will endeavor, however, not to give them too much, otherwise they may have no desire to obtain it for themselves.

Companions, what I want to talk about is the standpoint from which we regard Masonry after taking our degrees. You all know, that after being made a Master Mason, the next step (shall I say upward or onward?) in Masonry is to take the degrees of the Holy Royal Arch. The Holy Royal Arch System, so far as we are concerned, is comprised of three main degrees: the Mark Master Mason, the Most Excellent Master and the Holy Royal Arch. Now, the Mark Master Mason degree is something like the first degree in the Blue Lodge, what we term the Entered Apprentice, but the Master Mason degree, so far as I am concerned, never gave me any satisfaction. I well remember the night I was made a Master Mason. I was mentally dissatisfied because, after being told that I was made a Master Mason—naturally up to that time I considered that the Master Mason degree was the *Ultima Thule* of everything in Masonry, and once I had obtained the Pass word and the Pass grip whatever it might be, I could go out and be known to the World as a Master Mason, a man of prestige, a man of standing, and then to be told that the genuine secrets of a Master Mason were lost reduced my heights of inspiration to the depth of *De Profundis*. It seemed to me there was something which had to be completed, so consequently, when making a search, I was told of what is known as Royal Arch Masonry, and I lost no time in making an effort to fit myself to become a member of that body and there I found supreme satisfaction, for the lost was found. When you take these degrees, Brethren, I am sure you will understand the import of what I am saying.

The Mark Master Mason's degree stands pre-eminently for something which gives a mark, not only to the Craft but something which is lost there to

stand. By the very word "mark." Mark what? We are told, according to Masonic tradition, that there were two classes of workmen engaged in building the Temple; one, the Fellowcraft, but the other a different type, more experienced, more efficient, and they were called "Mark Master Masons." The allegory of Masonry appeals to me in this manner. Most of us know that in the Old Lands there is a branch of commerce which first accepts an apprentice, and after the boy has served five or seven years of apprenticeship he then becomes a journeyman. And as a journeyman he will then naturally be able to go out into the world and take his stand as a workman and obtain a higher salary. The Mark Master Masons were the journeymen during the time of the building of King Solomon's Temple. They obtained wages for their labor entirely different to the Fellowcrafts. I well remember when I was at home we had many apprentices. I can name you a half a dozen who came there as mere boys; they served seven years' apprenticeship at painting, coach building, trimming, carpentering and similar vocations and an apprentice, as you know, did as he was told. And the Fellowcrafts in like manner did as they were told. They had no authority regarding the building of the Temple, but merely followed instructions. The Mark Master Masons, however, when they were out of apprenticeship, were allowed to think for themselves. They were given a mark, and that mark was a mark of reputation, it was a mark of standing, it was a mark which set them aside from the other workmen. If you travel to St. Paul's Cathedral, London, you will find on the West Porch marks which were made by Mark Master Masons, and again inside the main door you will find other marks which were similarly made by ancient Masons. In the year 1606, when Sir Christopher Wren was the Grand Master of England, additional marks were made on that Cathedral, but these marks were given to the original Mark Master Masons, simply to perpetuate the traditions of the ancients. Every Mark Master Mason in the room to-night, Brethren, has a mark. He is known by that mark; it is a true mark. This system has been handed down to us from ancestors in Masonry. The Greeks had what is known as a *die*, and should a stranger receive hospitality from the ancient Greek, upon leaving, the *die* would be broken in two, one-half would be retained by the host and the other half given to the visitor. The stranger would journey on, but that was a mark which was given (shall I say?) for time and for Eternity. Should the host, however, be travelling in foreign lands, and present his mark, or the half of the cast *die*, and thus be recognized, he would receive the same hospitality that he had given. The Romans also had a similar token which was called "the *Tessera hospitalis*," or "hospitable token," which was handed down from father to son and always given by the vow of renunciation. Coming down to the latter days, we find the mark was given again by the early Christians and probably that wonderful man, Saul of Tarsus may have taken the same token when he was travelling through Phrygia and Galatia on his first missionary journey, but that mark signified God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. To-day, as you go from one city to another, you usually obtain from your clergyman a certificate of membership, and the early Christians, the Ancient Romans and the Ancient Greeks followed out a similar plan. The original Mark Master Masons were acting for a certain purpose; they were the journeymen, and consequently recognized as the efficient workmen of their day. Therefore, by analogy, the Mark Master Mason to-day is the efficient Mason. At least, I hope so; he is the journeyman, the one who is a grade higher than the workman who went to the quarry at the beginning of the Temple. There was also another system inaugurated at that time, namely, that these same Mark Master Masons received wages at the sixth hour of the sixth day of the week. The Jewish Sabbath being on the Saturday, they rested from their labors, each receiving half a shekel per day for his labor, while the Fellowcrafts received their wages in corn, wine and oil.

The degree after the Mark Master Mason is what is known as the Most Excellent Master. Seven and a half years were occupied in building that wonderful Temple at Jerusalem. Stones had been hewed. All were set in place, marks duly made, and then we are told that King Solomon was privileged

to preside at the dedication of that wonderful and Holy Temple. The Most Excellent Master's degree corresponds to the completion. There are three Academic degrees in the world to-day which coincide with the titles of old—the Bachelor's, the Master's, and the Doctor's degrees. In the olden days there was the Rab, corresponding to our Bachelor of Arts, there was the Rabban, corresponding to our Master of Arts, and there was the Rabboni, corresponding to our Doctor's Degree. These three titles were conferred and honors given according to rank and attainment. At the dedication of the Temple the title of Most Excellent Master was conferred on the Mark Master Mason in recognition of his efficiency during the time spent on the labor of the Temple. Amidst the applause of his compatriots he was acclaimed in the words of the Psalmist: "Great is the name of Jehovah." "The stone which the builders refused is become the head-stone of the corner." We pass on now to consider the Holy Royal Arch. I want, if possible, to disabuse your minds that there was only one Temple completed. King Solomon built the first Temple. The second Temple, representing the Holy Royal Arch degree, was built many years after the first. That great and wonderful Nation, the Israelites, had been cast asunder. They had degenerated into Apostasy. Two Kingdoms were established, one in the South and one in the North. The term "Hebrew" had become a by-word of derision among the Nations of the world. The whole of that valiant race had been reduced to pauperism. They had been taken into captivity to the land of Babylon, and remained there, we are told, for a period of 70 years, but during that time the nucleus of the Hebrew race were longing for the time when they could return to their ancient Jerusalem. The Jews were liberated by Cyrus, a wise Babylonian King. They were given the privilege of renewing their Temple services and again worshipping the Great Jehovah. You can imagine the Pilgrims returning after being held captive for so long. I always like to think of the Israelites passing a certain spot on the road before they came to Damascus, the place where Saul of Tarsus was transformed into the great Apostle to the Gentiles. They were journeying from Babylon to Jerusalem. They were going to rebuild the Holy Temple. You can see the Hebrews sitting there on that dusty road, tired, thirsty and worn out with fatigue. They looked to the left and saw ancient Babylon which to them was now of the past. They turned to the right and looming there in the distance was the Mount Zion of their dreams. And in this moment of reflection, surely they recited with the Psalmist: "By the Water of Babylon we sat down and wept when we remember Thee, O Zion." The Masons of to-day are endeavoring to erect a Temple which has yet to be re-built. We may sing our songs of deliverance, we may utter our gems of literature direct from the heart, but that Temple is still waiting in the distance for your efforts and for mine.

In the Master Mason's degree, Brethren, I said there was something lost. The Pilgrims are on their way. They are endeavoring to find it. What is it? Symbolically, it is Truth. You remember the Roman Governor, as he sat there surrounded by all the ancient pomp and glory, and turning to that Master of all Masons he asked, "What is Truth?" And every Master Mason to-day, if he is a real Mason, is seeking to recover that something which was lost, which with your assistance and our own endeavors we hope to find. Companions, after making your mark, travel along that same highway, and be received with applause as a Most Excellent Master. You will there find enthroned in the Holy of Holies the truth for which you seek. You are admitted into the sacred mysteries. You are given something which you will never forget.

Now I find, in speaking about things Masonic, it is always very interesting to speak about the year 1044 B.C., when the original Temple was built. It is also permissible to remind you of another date, 530 B.C., when they commenced to rebuild the second Temple, but I always find that those dates mean nothing unless we can apply them to the present day of 1927. The Mark Master Mason received his mark, he has gone out and he is known by that Mark. The token is given. This pledge is taken, and I will give

you an idea of the way that one Mark Master Mason regarded his pledge. Some time ago a Mark Master Mason went out in the early morning, enjoying his usual good health, planning for the future; yet before sundown he was reduced, owing to an accident, to a bed of sickness, and he was there for three months. He had a wife and family. They were all dependent upon his labor. It was a serious accident; fortunately, however, one from which the Companion eventually recovered. Nevertheless there was his wife, his family, there was the farm, there were the children going to school. Something had to be done. A brother Mason, a Mark Master, was laid low by an accident. The same day another Mark Master Mason heard of this misfortune. He lost no time. He had received the mark from his brother, he went to that farm, rushed in and saw the man lying there partially unconscious; he saw the sorrowing wife and wondered what was going to happen? He did his utmost and played the part of a Mason. Signing several blank cheques he handed a cheque book to the Mason's wife, and remarked: "Should you need anything further fill in these cheques and we will see that everything is met." That was a mark given for a pledge taken and received. That is the essence of the Mark Master Mason's degree.

The Most Excellent Master is given as an honor. All the honors which we receive here to-night, these nice sounding titles, act as an honorarium.

May I tell you the way this same degree appeals to me? Last fall I was rushed off to the hospital and arrived there, if I remember rightly, in the evening. The following morning the nurse brought a beautiful plant into my room. I asked if there was a name given? She replied, "No, there is just this card." I examined the card but failed to decipher the initials. As the nurse took off the paper I beheld a beautiful plant containing seven blue flowers. Turning over in bed, I said: "I do not know the name of the man who sent it, but I know he is a brother of mine." Seven flowers. Three rule a Lodge, five hold a Lodge, seven or more make it perfect. You know the rest. The initials were hidden. I was in the Hospital for three weeks. During that time I had many visitors, and it was not until I left that I found out quite by accident the brother who had sent that lovely token. He had been to visit me several times and didn't say a word about the plant. When he came and went I had no idea that he was the sender, but I think that such an act calls to our minds a charge we sometimes give at the installation, that when you find a man of that type who will dispense charity without ostentation, will do good acts and then walk quietly away and become lost in the crowd, that is the man who is really living Masonry. Such appeals very strongly to me as an Honorarium of this degree. Nevertheless, assembled as we are here to-night, let us ask what does our Masonry stand for? It is not the performance of elaborate ritual, however beautiful it may be. It is not the experiencing of delightful emotions, however elevating. Those do not constitute the main end of Masonry. Masonry, if judged aright, must stand by the fruit which she produces; and in the formative periods of our Masonic history she has guided and fashioned the habits of many people from many passages and with what result? Notwithstanding all that has been said in the past, knowing the many glaring contradictions in our ritual, and our work sometimes meeting with temporary failures, the history of Masonry as a whole shows that it is an organization of love, truth and integrity. It demands a high sense of honor from its devotees. It demands a people with a strong love and reverence of idealism, and possessing those ideals it maintains a peculiar stand regarding the home and family. That is the standpoint of security, and recognizing all those standpoints, surely, during these years of unsettlement and gradual drifting, when national character here in Western Canada especially is being shaped, we need an institution such as Masonry to hold us more or less intact. It is conservative, we admit, and yet it is still progressive, reaching back with the one hand to antiquity and reaching forward with the other to lay hold on the great possibilities of the future and mould them for the service of our fellow man.

But let us beware how we cherish these great privileges and all these advantages, for the man who boasts of an honourable name and does not

feel called upon to maintain that reputation by that very fact proclaims himself as being unworthy of that same name. Merely to boast of our history and privilege, of our ancient origin and our great antiquity, and to do nothing to maintain their prestige is to write one's self down as being utterly unworthy of what has been handed on to us and, therefore, while we dwell very thankfully on the memories of the past, I would say do not rest upon them for there is much yet to be accomplished. They will avail us nothing. Rather they will go down to our condemnation unless we make them incentive to more strenuous efforts. I believe, moreover, there is yet a still greater future for Masonry at large, not only in Canada but especially in our own Province, because time is all on our side. We are yet young. We have enthusiasm. We have boundless energy. And all that is needed to-day is more education and less prejudice and less ignorance regarding our teaching. But let us beware of making the mistake of resting too early on our oars. The future can only be ours when we have worked vigorously from that standpoint. The efficiency of every nation, of every man, woman and child, likewise every institution, is to be measured not by its past history but by its present greatness; not by its attitude towards the past, but by its general outlook to the future. We sometimes wonder as we go about our daily life whether the Temple we are trying to erect will stand the test of the Master Overseer, or will it be eventually heaved over into the rubbish? I am afraid again, standing as we do to-night as an institution which demands integrity and character from its members, that we may sometimes be content to rest on the endeavors of our forbears. We may be quite content to display our badge as a Mason and rest on that. But if I read history aright, history is replete with predictions which once wore the hue of destiny but which failed of fulfilment because those who saw them had a vision of too small an arc around the circle of events.

When Pharaoh pursued the fleeing Israelites to the edge of the Red Sea he was sure their bondage would be renewed and they would again make bricks without straw; but when Moses arrived at the other side of the Red Sea dry shod and the water carried away Pharaoh and his hosts, destiny was complete and he was overthrown.

When Belshazar took his thousand nobles to the great banquet hall and sat down at the tables glittering with gold and silver vessels he was sure that he would reign over that kingdom for many years, but destiny was not revealed until the handwriting appeared on the wall, with that awe-inspiring message, "Mene, Mene, Tekel Uptarsin"—"Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting."

When Abderrahman struck northward with his conquering hosts, his imagination saw the Crescent triumphant throughout the world, but destiny was not revealed until Charles Martel raised the Cross over the battlefield of Tours and saved Europe from the sword of Mohammedanism.

And when Napoleon marched victorious from Marengo he thought he was the child of destiny, but destiny was not revealed until Blucher's forces met Wellington's Army and the vanquished Corsican began his melancholy walk to the Isle of St. Helena.

No, my Brethren, destiny is not a matter of chance. It is a matter of choice and effort. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved. It is something worth fighting for.

Standing to-night on the vantage ground, which we have gained, knowing our wonderful traditions from the past, knowing the mental calibre of our officers, the great body of Masons in Alberta can aspire to a still greater destiny. But again be very careful, for civilization has taught the individual to protect his own rights. Masonry teaches him to protect the rights of others. Civilization has taught the individual to look out for himself, but Masonic ideals teach, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Anglo-Saxon civilization has carried its flag to every clime and defends it with

forces and garrisons, but Masonic symbolism has carried its flag and taken its symbol into every home and cements it with purity and brotherly love.

So far as I can see Masonry to-night, it is something like the gulf stream coursing from, we know not where, its ultimate destination we know not whither. It is running through the wide regions of the cold inhospitable seas, giving a current of heat that brings life and happiness to distant peoples, and to distant climes. And coursing through the great ocean of modern life to-day, with all its competitions and petty annoyances, its complexities and its difficulties, is that great solid stream of Freemasonry permeating public opinion for good here and spreading its benign influence there.

England's glory is sometimes spoken of as being the one outstanding event of all history, but what is England's glory? It is not in Waterloo, it is not in Agincourt. It is not in her merchandise nor yet in her commerce. It is in Australia, in New Zealand, in Africa re-claimed. In Egypt, mummy of the nations touched into modern life. England's imperishable renown is in English science throttling the plague in Calcutta and English law administering order in Bombay and English energy planting an industrial civilization from Cairo to the Cape. English discipline making soldiers, men and perhaps citizens out of the Fallaheen of the dead land of the Pharaohs. And yet the liberties of Englishmen, the wide world over, were never so secure as now and, therefore, England's undying fame is to her infinite profit, so sure has been that golden thread of duty.

What in like manner is a Free Mason's glory—the thing we boast about? Do we ever feel it? Masonry's immortal glory is not in her Temples or prestige. It is not her rituals nor the dissipation of a fourth degree. It is in benevolence and fellowship personified. It is the widow with her needs supplied, the orphan succoured and the destitute relieved. It is the non-affiliate, mummy of Masonic progress, given the glad hand of fellowship and restored to his rightful inheritance. It is the Masonic reputation which must never be besmirched by a brother, it is a Master Mason's obligation. Every artist who paints a picture and rears up a fabric, every Mason who goes out in the early morning and, working on the great trestleboard of life, endeavors to chisel the rough Ashlar into the perfect Ashlar; everyone who goes out with greater aspirations and better ideals is working for the liberty of mankind, and he it is who emancipates men. Sir Walter Scott very aptly said: "Ours is no sapling chance sown by a fountain, blooming at Beltane, in winter to fade." Was it not Sir William Jones, when asked a question regarding the greatness of a country, which equally applies to Masonry, said in reply:

"What constitutes a State! Not high raised buttment,
Levelled mound-thick walls, and moated gate.
Not cities proud, with spires and turrets crowned;
Not vast and broad armed ports, rich navies left to scorn;
But men—high-minded men, men who their duties know,
And knowing dare maintain.

These constitute a State."

We speak sometimes, you and I, of love and reverence of "my mother and my father and my child." Let us speak with that same love and reverence of our Grand Chapter and of our Lodge. You love your families, you fain would sacrifice your all for them; then do the same for your Chapter, for your Lodge and your Grand Lodge. Carry that thought into your connections outside. Let us re-dedicate ourselves to the grand and worthy object. Let us, above all, strive to be good citizens and to leave a name, each one according to his merits, to his ability and skill, that will redound to the glory of the great Architect of the Universe. Our influence, as Masons here in Alberta, because of the knowledge which we possess, should be greater than that of our fellowmen; for if we will broaden our ideas and our views of the real purpose of Freemasonry, as I see it, we shall then give to Masonry that illuminating power penetrating beyond the confines of our Lodges and Chapter Room. It will then be a radiance which will carry its message out amongst the men of the world, giving sunlight here and there as it travels

along. Is our Masonry which we know to-night here in Calgary the same in Cardston? Is it, I ask, progressive? Are we as Masons making the best of our opportunities or are we seen only as a factor in the Lodge and the Chapter room? Are we content to remain surrounded in mystery, content only to confer degrees and to make Masons, and then forget those men except perhaps as we add their names to our roll, leaving them in possession it is true of the secrets of Masonry, but lacking entirely any knowledge of its deep underlying principles which should be inculcated in every Lodge Room? If our appeal is made to symbolism and not to the highest ideals and aspirations, then slowly but surely the vitality which sustains the whole organization will dwindle away and our Fraternity will cease to appeal to intelligent men. It will become nothing but a mere mummery—a great organ of sounds and empty titles and platitudes and worn-out symbols, for we will be following the shadow and not the substance.

I am reminded in this case—I hope I am not trespassing upon your time (“Go on!”)—I say, I am reminded in this case of a story I read some time ago. The story speaks of a certain banquet hall and in this hall there were many students who had just graduated, and having graduated they were going to have, as all college students do, the time of their lives. Having studied for four years under the different professors they thought they would ask one of them to give the speech of the evening. They had been listening to the lectures from these professors for four years and they knew that one of them could not make a speech, never did make a speech; so, as a matter of convenience and a mere joke, they asked this professor to give the address on the night of their graduation. Between three and four hundred students duly assembled in the famous banquet hall. Fun and merriment ran high in expectation of the mock speech they were to receive. Had they thought for one moment that the Professor would make the speech he would not have been favored with the request. At last the tables were all cleared and the chairman rapped for order. Immediately the speaker of the evening was introduced. He said: “Gentlemen, you have asked me to make a speech. I am deeply indebted for your kindness, but, never having made a speech in my life, I am not going to attempt to make one to-night, but,” he added, “I cannot let you go away into the outside world without giving you a little advice. You are sitting to-night in the most famous banquet hall that the sun has ever shone upon; the Babylonian and the Egyptian Empires were nothing compared to this, they were all third rate so far as luxury and learning are concerned.” Pointing to the paintings and the frescoes on the wall, and to the furniture he continued: “Everything we have here to-night speaks of luxury and ease, but something of a civilization which has not yet been tested.” The students sat up, they looked at their professor. He picked up a glass and remarked: “You see this cut glass, you note the brilliant rays scintillating from every point. Gentlemen, can you make a glass like this? You have graduated with your degree, what does it mean? I am asking myself as I am asking you—Is the system of our education on the right road, is it going the right way to teach you, to prepare you to take your place in the world?” He then picked up the tablecloth, and said: “Have any of you here noticed the pattern on this wonderful table cloth? Do you know the amount of labor the making of this table cloth involved? Look at the pattern, think of the weaver, the preparation of the land to grow the flax and all that is needed in the production of this table cloth.” The students by this time were held amazed. He picked up a vase of flowers. “You see these,” he said, “you all studied botany, but I doubt very much if there is a man amongst you who can classify these flowers.” At this remark the students smiled, but the professor wiped the smile from their faces by saying, “Is it of no consequence to you that the man who works with his hands is just as noble as the man who dictates a letter? Why should the man who works with the pick and shovel be looked upon as degraded, whereas the man who runs a typewriter should be regarded just a little higher than the man who wields the pick and shovel? Gentlemen, remember, you are going out to-night into the great busy world of commerce. Judge your men by what they are, not by what they are doing. The highest

system of learning, the wisest philosophy the world has ever known was given to us by one of ourselves, by a carpenter who associated manual labor with the highest intellect." Standing there, he turned around and made as though he were going to draw a curtain, and said, "I want to introduce to you to-night the One Who taught us the greatest system we have, the One Who was not ashamed of hard labor, the One Who sanctified toil with Divine manhood." He drew back an imaginary curtain. "Gentlemen," he said, "allow me to introduce to you Jesus, the Master Carpenter of Nazareth." The students sat spellbound, and again he turned as though he were addressing a figure of flesh and blood, and said: "Master, I am going to ask You the same question that I am asking my students here—Is there anything in this room which You could make?" With a dignified stride the professor walked down the room and laid bare the carved leg of the oak banqueting table. Looking up, and addressing the students in a voice which was soft and irresistibly appealing, he said, "Yes, the Master says that He can make this table, you see He is a Carpenter, Jesus of Nazareth." If you like, my brethren, He is The Master Mason, and I think the same way regarding our own Masonry. Are we sending our brethren into the world with their newly conferred degrees but going out without the knowledge of our principles which they really deserve? Was it not Browning who said, "The common problem, yours, mine, everyone's, is not to fancy what were fair in life but finding first, then make it fair"?

May I say, in conclusion, that whilst we regard the honors of the Grand Chapter and of the Grand Lodge not as mere empty titles, we must still remember that the heroes and the heroines of life are the storm-tossed and the battle-scarred, for, so far as I am aware no Mason obtains any honor in the ranks unless he works for it and gives himself for the Fraternity. The greatest honor you can give to any of your brethren is to crown them with the exalted position of Grand rank. Likewise the most beautiful face is not the unwrinkled face of gay and irresponsible youth, it is the scarred and careworn face of the mother who gave you life. I firmly believe, however, that there is a brighter day coming for Masonry and that in Heaven's good time it will all be revealed, and if the dawn is commensurate with the trials and afflictions through which it is has already passed that will be the brightest era of our already illustrious institution. Last summer, when camping in the Rockies, I spent a couple of weeks climbing the mountains. One night we arrived right in the midst of the ranges at an elevation of almost 8500 feet. We camped there for the night in a vast amphitheatre of mountains. In the early morning, between the hour of darkness and dawn, I stood there on that famous landmark which overlooks Chief Mountain, the one we know so well. I saw the stars recede before the pillars of lambent fire that pierced the zenith. A thousand rugged peaks began to peer up from the abysmal darkness, each looking through the vapory seas that filled the gorges like an island on the wondrous deep. The bright scintillating rays of the morning sun lit up the many glaciers with resplendent lustre; the numerous waterfalls toppled over a thousand feet down the mountainside, causing the hue of a rainbow spray to mingle with the mists of the early dawn. Soon the vapours of night were lifted high upon the shafts of rosy light, caught by the wings of the morning breeze and swept away; there in that vast solitude another day was established which opened in peace, perfect peace. And so I rather think the real spirit of Masonry will yet be triumphantly infused among those who profess to be its members and obey its teachings, that with one heart and with one voice the trials of the afflicted may be soothed, a solace given the wanderer's feet, the orphan receive assistance, and honor found where it is now destitute, that brotherly love, relief and truth may reign supreme, which in turn will clear away the mists of indifference. The clouds of doubt will all disappear when that bright rising sun of Masonry dispels all the gloom through which we are travelling.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Awake, Rise up! Too long have we tarried in the fascinating but dead things of the world. Rise up, and let us be doing! The cause of our Order demands it. I thank you, sir. (Prolonged applause.)

Address by Brother H. W. Avison

Mr. Toastmaster and Gentlemen:—

I do not know that I should address you at this late hour, and I feel rather diffident in saying anything after having listened in part to the excellent address which was given by a member of the Cloth. I have not had the pleasure of meeting the gentleman who gave such an excellent address, but it appears to me that one perfect address from a member of the Cloth, or from the Church, ought to be sufficient for one gathering, and I am very much afraid that what I have to say may detract from what has already been said to you. But I have been asked to address you to-night, and I am glad to be here, although I am sorry that I have been unable to be with you in the former part of this gathering.

However, I feel like telling a story on Mussolini. I read of Mussolini the other day that when he was in the presence of the King of Italy he asked him to find some documents, and in doing so the King dropped a handkerchief. Mussolini picked it up and said, "May I keep this as a souvenir?" The King replied: "Well, sir, I think not; it is the only thing I can put my nose into nowadays." (Laughter.) I do not mean that to have any serious application, but I do want to say how much I appreciate the opportunity of joining with you in this Convention of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Alberta.

Now, what I have to say to you is simply this. I want to ask you a few questions and then sit down. At least, in asking the questions, perhaps I may be able to answer a few of them in my own way. I do not at all suggest that I am going to ask them fully or that I am going to answer them fully, but in the questions which I have before me (and they are just questions which I am asking myself with respect to Masonry) I am asking you to-night the question as to whether Freemasonry includes the Royal Arch, or does the Royal Arch include Freemasonry? I am asking the question, "Does Freemasonry include the Scottish Rite or does the Scottish Rite include Freemasonry?" I am asking myself the question, "When was Freemasonry born? When did it come into being." I am asking you the question, too, as to whether Freemasonry is Christian or not, as to whether it had its origin in Christianity, as to whether it has been Christian or is Christian at the present time. I am asking myself—and I am asking you—the question as to whether the Roman Catholic and the Jew and the Mohammedan and the Buddhist may become members of our Order. Already you are beginning to answer. Well, it may be best for us to have a round-table conference on some of these questions—the question, "What year was the Bible introduced into Freemasonry?" and questions with regard to a great part of our symbolism and our ritualism. With respect to the drama of Hiram Abiff, do we find it in the Bible? Where do we find it? Those are questions, as a Mason, I am trying to answer. Those are questions I am asking myself. Now, I am in a kind of quandary to-night with respect to Masonry. On the one hand, I must say to you I never go into the body of a Lodge without feeling there the influence of what I would like to call the worship of its ritualism, of its symbolism. Always there I find an air of distinction which is manifestly *not* an air of pride, and I look upon certain officers of the Lodge and certain men who conduct themselves not only in the body of the Lodge but outside with this air of distinction as an example and as an influence creating a spirit in the community which is very wholesome. I cannot find words just to describe the influence of such men upon myself. While I am speaking about the influence of Free Masons with respect to Freemasonry and with respect to our character, I am asking myself questions as to its status. And I find myself unable to do what some of the

officers of the Lodge are able to do and I feel myself my inability to create that atmosphere. As a humble member of the Lodge, as a humble man interested in Freemasonry, I am trying to conscientiously ask myself some of these questions and answer them; and I come to you to-night to say simply that, so far as I can understand it, so far as I have read, and so far as I have been able to study Freemasonry, it stands for four things: first, for God; second, for Brotherhood; third, for Morality; and fourth, for Immortality. I do not say that those are the only things that Freemasonry stands for, but the thing which has impressed itself upon me is : that those four principles or ideals may be worked for by any man, whether he is a Roman Catholic or a Protestant, a Jew, a Mahomedan or a Buddhist. So far as I can understand, especially since the great year of Revival with respect to Freemasonry, in 1717, any man from any country, from any race, may join our Order if he is true with respect to God, to Brotherhood, to Morality and to Immortality. Now, just let us stop for a moment and think about that. As I understand it, the foundations of Freemasonry are laid away back in the centuries, in the time of the operative Masons, when they built the great Cathedrals and when they were able to accomplish great things for the Craft; when the applicant came into the school of operative Masons when it was a religious Order, and when at the particular time of the Middle Ages they came to the position where identity membership in the Order as an operative Mason meant to become members of the Roman Catholic Church, and the application to the Mother Church and the application to Freemasonry were taken, as I understand it, together. But there followed a time of uncertainty, the time of reformation; and after the strife and the struggle was all over we find that men could join the particular church of their choice; and Freemasonry became composed largely of free thinkers. Men like Voltaire entered it, and they entered it in a period of reform; but they were asked not to be stupid atheists on the one hand or irreligious libertines on the other, but to enter on the basis of God and Morality and Immortality and Brotherhood—questions which we require to be answered by men before they can enter the body of Masons. There is a great number of tributaries which lead into the stream of Masonry, and I think such a class of men is represented by the Knights Templar, the Rosicrucians (and, by the way, there is an order of that name in the City now, I think) and the Kabbalists. It would be an interesting study for us to see what those contributing sources to Freemasonry had to contribute. From them, as I understand, comes the lost word and the substituted word and possibly the symbolism, a great deal of our symbolism, a great deal of our ritualism with respect to Solomon's Temple, with respect to the great pillars. I cannot find in the Bible anywhere the Drama of Hiram Abiff. I have looked for it, not lately, but I must confess after I entered Freemasonry I looked for that drama of Hiram Abiff and I couldn't find it anywhere. It is from these tributaries, so I understand it (of course, with a certain basis or foundation from the Bible) that there has come that great drama of life and death, of re-birth; and we are indebted to the illustrious leaders of the past, and we are indebted to those contributing sources which have flowed into the stream of Freemasonry, and I am glad of that because of what we find there. Therefore, Masonry came from Christian sources—Freemasonry. Although part of its symbolism is perhaps from that which would not be called positively Christian, afterwards you notice (about the year 1760, was it?) there was introduced into the Second Degree the Bible as the great Light, and it has always since then been opened in the body of a Lodge. Another thing happened in 1813 that I think no Mason ought to forget, and that is, after the great struggle, after the time of the Reformation struggle, in those Lodges of the Operative Mason there gradually came about that change which led to speculative Masonry which was brought about largely by means of the tolerance of the Christian attitude of liberty and equality and fraternity which was shown in a practical way to men and women and sometimes to the children who needed help and who found the way of escape from cruel persecutions of that day, going down all through those years to 1813 until we have it culminating in that great union of the Grand Lodges of ancient

and modern Freemasonry. If we study the history of the Revival of 1717 and Union of Lodges in 1813 we shall realize what we owe to it to-day. And I am glad that there is coming that religious liberty into Freemasonry which I believe is going to point the way, if we will only understand and study it, to the great wide World Brotherhood which must come.

Now just a word in conclusion about those four characteristics. What Masonry stands for, first of all, is God. None of us will forget the question and the manner in which it is asked when we first enter Freemasonry. We call Him the Great Architect of the Universe, and that is well; but there is implied in all that, the Fatherhood of God—the God who fills our subconscious mind with resolutions and dreams, who sends His Creative Power to make our wills respond for Righteousness, who urges on the whole of our race for a greater solidarity of peace and freedom. God! The Great Architect of the Universe. And then, of course, the corollary of that is the Brotherhood of Man. For man has something to contribute in Masonry to his brother. I say every man has something to contribute. We are a gregarious people. Just as the birds go in flocks and the fishes in shoals, and just as the cattle in herds and the bees in swarms, so man is a gregarious being. He is made to live one with another; he is made to live with his fellow man. There is no such thing in the final analysis as a separate individuality; that is an impossibility in the way God has created us. May I say also that self-preservation does not apply to man. We hear a lot of that. Is it self-preservation as applied to man that makes him go out and take care of the sick? Is it self-preservation that makes him die for his country? Is it self-preservation that makes him forget his wife and family and care for his brother's interest? Not so! Somebody said to me the other day he thought there was not as much fellowship and fraternity in Freemasonry as you will find in the service clubs. He said there is not the right-hand acquaintanceship, there is not the goodwill and good spirit that we find in the service clubs. Well, I suppose comparisons are odious; but may I say to you there is that mysterious fellowship here which is rooted away back in history and has a foundation which you and I cannot really understand to the full. If it is manifested only in the right hand of fellowship and if it is only the slap on the shoulder, then I do not believe that we are Masons at all. It is a far deeper thing than that. I say it is rooted far deeper than that, and its foundation is solid. I am not going to say that Masonry is a religious body. Masonry is religious. It is a great worship—a great Brotherhood of Man. When I think of 1813 (or is it 1823?) when those Grand Lodges united in London, England—when I think of how they overcame their difficulties, so far as I am concerned, and so far as Masonry is concerned, I think of it as speaking to us of what may be accomplished in terms of Unity both within and without Masonry. It seems to me we should never forget the things for which Masonry stands. I do not know that you and I can ever understand how much Freemasonry contributed to overcoming revolution in England. I am not sure we will ever be able to understand how much it contributed to the liberty which came to France—equality and liberty and freedom. Everybody knows that no two men are equal, but there is an equality of opportunity which comes to us with respect not only to politics but with respect to industry, and you and I have to work it out by the power which is ours. Duly obligated are we to our fellow men, and there is the noble tie of opportunity open to us if we can keep every man intact so far as Masonry is concerned until he learns that he is duly obligated to his fellow man. We could go on speaking about Brotherhood, but Morality is the next point. I have to say about that only this, that I do not believe that there are any taboos to be found in Masonry. What I mean by that is, it is not an eternal law of "Don't." Now you will be surprised, but I think I must say it—there is nothing mechanical, nothing imposed upon the individual; but if any man takes Masonry in earnest, if any man thinks of its symbolism and its ritualism, it will speak far deeper to him, speak with far more significance about patriotism and how to live, than any words of yours or mine will do. If we talk about ritualism—then I want to say that our ritualism and our symbolism is very close to the heart of reality and of Nature; that

anybody who goes through the symbolism and the ritualism of Masonry and is not born again, is not lifted out of himself and transformed by what he hears and by what he sees, and by that which he feels but which he can never express but which is part of the greatness of our symbolism and our ritualism; if anybody can go through it and not be born again (and I do not mean that in an external sense; I do not mean that in a theological sense, although in a truly theological sense it is life, being born again, evolving into something finer and better, that is what it is and that is shown to us by the drama of our Freemasonry) in this man the spirit of Freemasonry does not reside. And not only is it brought before us by the eye but as we go on in this great Order of Life and Brotherhood, in the presence of God, it evolves a new life.

Then it is Immortal, and I have nothing to say about that except that Immortality is the motive which goes all through the Masonic symbolism.

“Strong Son of God, Immortal Love,
Whom we that have not seen Thy Face
By Faith and Faith alone embrace,
Believing where we cannot prove.
Far off Thou art but ever nigh,
We have Thee still and we rejoice;
We Prosper—circled by Thy Voice
We shall not lose Thee though we die.”

God, Brotherhood, Morality and Immortality. Gentlemen, we have a great Order. Masonry is religious. Let us be true to it in our individual life and let us make progress in it. I thank you.

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